Music Oddities and Trivia by Bill Wall

27 Club

The 27 Club is a list of musicians and actors who died at age 27. It includes Brian Jones of the Rolling Stones, Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, Jim Morrison of the Doors, Ron McKernan of the Grateful Dead, Peter Ham of Badfinger, Gary Thain of Uriah Heep, Alan Wilson of Canned Heat, and Kurt Cobain of Nirvana.

5th Dimension, The

The 5th Dimension is an American popular music vocal group with 5 members. They were first called the Versatiles in 1965, but changed their name to "the 5rh Dimension" by 1966. In 1967, they recorded "Up – Up and Away," which made it to No. 7 on the Hot 100 chart. In 1969, they recorded "Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In." It topped the Hot 100 for 6 weeks.

A Teenager in Love

"A Teenager in Love" is a song written by Doc Pomus and Mort Shuman. It was originally recorded by Dion and the Belmonts in March 1959, going to #5 on the *Billboard* pop charts. In May 1959, three different versions of the song made it on the British Top 20 list. It is considered one of the greatest songs in rock and roll history. In 1965, Bob Marley and the Wailers recorded it. Several artists did versions such as Connie Stevens and Sha Na Na in 1969, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers in 2002. In 1970, Simon & Garfunkel performed it in their final show as a recording duo. It was parodied by the Fugs, who recorded "Septuagenarian in Love." This version turns the teenager into a senior citizen who is having trouble getting an erection.

ABBA

They are a Swedish pop group from Stockholm. The group's name is an acronym of the first letters of their first names — Agnetha Faitskog, Bjorn Ulvaeus, Benny Andersson, and Anni-Frid Lyngstad. ABBA was also a well-known fish-canning company. They were married couples, which later collapsed. They had 48 hit singles. They sold over 150 million copies. They were the first group from a non-English-speaking country to achieve consistent success in the charts of English-speaking countries. They are the best-selling Swedish band of all time.

AC/DC

AC/DC are an Australian rock band formed in Sydney in 1973. The band was formed by two brothers, Malcolm Young and Angus Young. They have sold more than 200 million records worldwide, including 75 million albums in the United States. Their album, *Back in Black* is the highest selling album of any band, selling over 22 million units in the US. The band's name came from an abbreviation on a sewing machine, and abbreviation for alternating current/direct current. The band felt that this name symbolized the band's raw energy.

Acuff, Roy

Roy Claxton Acuff (1903-1992) was known as the "King of Country Music." His grandfather was a Tennessee state senator. He began his career as a blackface performer working with a medicine show. In 1943, he ran for governor of Tennessee.

Aerosmith

The band formed in Boston in 1970. The band evolved from *Jam Band* and *Chain Reaction*. The name was inspired by Harry Nilsson's album *Aerial Ballet*. It is the best-selling American hard rock band of all time. They have sold over 150 million records worldwide, including over 70 million records in the US. They hold the record for the most certifications of gold and platinum records by an American group. The band was considered the rowdiest rock and roll band in the 1970s.

Alpert, Herb

Herb Alpert (1935-) is an American trumpeter who led Herb Alpert & the Tijuana Brass. His father was a tailor and a mandolin player. His mother taught violin. In 1952, he joined the U.S. Army. After the Army, he attended the University of Southern California and was a member of the USC Marching Band. Alpert is the only musician to hit No. 1 on the U.S. Billboard Top 100 pop chart as both a vocalist and an instrumentalist. Originally, there was no Tijuana Brass. It was just Alpert overdubbing his own trumpet, slightly out of sync. By the end of 1964, because of a growing demand for live appearances, Alpert auditioned and hired a team of crack session men to be the Tijuana Brass. The band debuted in 1965, and became one of the highest-paid acts then performing.

Allman Brothers Band, the

The group formed in Jacksonville, Florida in 1969, and then moved to Macon, Georgia. Group leader Duane Allman was killed in a motorcycle accident in 1971. A year later, their bassist, Berry Oakley, died in a motorcycle accident. Gregg Allman dropped out of high school to play guitar. The first name of the band was the Escorts, followed by the Allman Joys, and then Hour Glass. They are considered one of the pioneering bands in Southern rock.

American Bandstand

This was a dance TV program from 1952 to 1989, hosted by Dick Clark, replacing Bob Horn. Horn was later fired for drunk-driving arrest and reportedly involved in a prostitution ring. It hosted teenagers dancing to Top 40 music. Freddie Cannon holds the most appearances at 110. At one time, Cheech and Chong appeared as the record raters on the show.

Animals, The

The original band was active from 1963 to 1969. They were dubbed "animals" because of their wild stage act, and the name stuck.

Anka, Paul

Paul Albert Anka (1941-) is a Canadian singer. He wrote the theme for The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson. His father was from Syria and his mother was from Lebanon. He married the daughter of a Lebanese diplomat. He became a naturalized citizen in 1990.

Armstrong, Louis

Louis Daniel Armstrong (1901-1971) was nicknames Satchmo, Satch, and Pops. His career spanned 5 decades as a trumpeter. He was brought up by Lithuanian Jews as his father abandoned the family after his birth. He wore a Star of David cross his entire life. He dropped out of school at age 11. At age 15, he pimped for a prostitute. He was one of the first blacks to cross-over to a white audience. In 1964, he recorded "Hello Dolly!" It made it to No. 3 on the Billboard Hot 100 list, just behind two songs by the Beatles, "I Want to Hold Your Hand," and "She Loves You." He died of a heart attack a month before his 70th birthday.

Atkins, Chet

Chester Burton "Chet" Atkins (1924-2001) was known as Mr. Guitar and The Country Gentleman. As a teenager, he bought an electric guitar, but his home did not have electricity. He had to travel many miles to find an electrical outlet. He dropped out of high school in 1942. He was a licensed ham radio operator. Atkins and Jethro Burns (of Homer and Jethro) married twin sisters.

Avalon, Frankie

Francis Thomas Availone (1940-), better known as Frankie Avalon, is an American singer and actor from Philadelphia. His father was a butcher from Naples, Italy. He had 31 hits from 1958 to 1962. He has 8 children.

B-52s

This is a new wave band formed in Athens, Georgia in 1976. The name comes from a particular beehive hairdo resembling the nose cone of a B-52 aircraft.

Bad Company

The group was formed in 1973. They sold 40 million albums worldwide. The group's name came from a book of Victorian morals that show a child looking up to an unsavory character. The caption read "beware of bad company." The band disbanded in 1982, but has revived several times since.

Baez, Joan

Joan Chandos Baez (1941-) has performed for over 60 years, releasing over 30 albums. She has recorded songs in at least 8 languages. Her father first considered becoming a minister, but studied mathematics and physics instead. He received a PhD at Stanford University and coinvented the x-ray microscope. Her husband, David Harison, went to prison after refusing military service. She dated Steve Jobs in the early 1980s.

Band, The

This was a Canadian-American rock band formed in Toronto in 1967. They were first known as the Hawks, then the Crackers, then the Canadian Squires. They were a backup band for Bob Dylan. After leaving Dylan, they changed their name to "The Band."

Beach Boys, The

The Beach Boys began as a garage band in 1961. It was first called the Pendletones. Three of the 5 in the group, the Wilsons, were brothers. The Wilson's father was their manager. They have sold over 100 million records worldwide. They had 36 songs reach the top US TOP 40, the most by an American band. Only one of the band members of the 5, Dennis Wilson, was a surfer.

Beastie Boys, The

This was an American hip hop group from New York City, formed in 1981. The group was formed out of members of The Young Aborigines, a hardcore punk band. They are the biggest-selling rap group, selling over 20 million records. They disbanded in 2012 when one of the band members, Adam Yauch, died of cancer.

Beatles

The Beatles are regarded as the most influential band of all time. They are the best-selling music act of all time. They have sold over 600 million units worldwide. They sold 183 million units in the U.S. more than any other artist. They hold the record for most number-one albums and most number-one hits (20). They were originally called the Beatals, as a tribute to Buddy Holly and the Crickets. They later changed the name to the Silver Beetles, then the Silver Beatles, finally the Beatles. In their early career, they resided in Hamburg, Germany. Later, George Harrison was deported back to the UK for lying to the German authorities about his age. Paul McCartney was arrested for arson after he set file to a condom in a concrete corridor, and was deported. It took 49 years and 252 days for the Abbey Road album to return to the top of the UK's Official Albums chart. Its initial 17-week run at the top ended on January 31, 1970. In 2019, a stereo mix of the album debuted as No. 1 on the charts on October 10, 2019. On February 9, 1974, an estimated 70 million Americans tuned into the Ed Sullivan Show, the nation's most popular TV show. It was the largest audience in history. In the live theatre audience were 700 people chosen from over 50,000 applicants. It was this show that introduced the Beatles on American TV. The Beatles were the first major band to write most of their material and play a major role in producing their own records.

Beck, Jeff

Jeff Beck (1944-) is considered among the greatest guitarists in history. After high school, he was briefly employed as a painter and decorator, a groundsman on a golf course, and a car paint-sprayer. He succeeded Eric Clapton of the Yardbirds. He was later fired during a US tour for being consistently a no-show. He then formed the Jeff Beck Group, which included Rod Stewart on vocals.

Bee Gees

Disk jockey Bill Gates named the group the "BGs" after his initials, which was later changed to "Bee Gees." The group has been referred as "The Disco Kings." They have sold over 220 records worldwide.

Belafonte, Harry

Harold George Bellanfanti Jr (1927-) is an American singer, songwriter, and actor. He was born in Harlem. His father was a chef and his mother was a housekeeper. He joined the Navy during World War II. After the war, he was a janitor's assistant.

Berry, Chuck

Charles "Chuck" Edward Anderson Berry (1926-2017) is known as the 'father of Rock 'n' Roll.' At a teenager, he was convicted of armed robbery and was sent to a juvenile reformatory for three years. He robbed three shops in Kansas City, Missouri, and then stole a car at gunpoint. While in reformatory, he formed a singing quartet and learned to box. After release, he worked at an automobile assembly plant in St. Louis and worked as a janitor in his apartment building. Afterwards, he trained as a beautician, going to cosmetology school. He later traveled to Chicago and recorded "Maybellene" with Chess Records in 1955. Berry originally called this song "Ida Red," but Chess Records executives didn't like the title and convinced Berry to change it to "Maybellene." The song was an adaption of the country song "Ida Red." Maybelline was the trade name on a mascara box in the corner of the studio. It sold over a million copies and reached number one on Billboard magazine's rhythm and blues chart. It was the first big hit of Chess Records. When performing, he would usually do his "duck walk." In 1962, he was sentenced to 3 years in prison for transporting a 14-year-old girl across state lines. In 1979, he spent 4 months in jail for tax evasion. His song, "Johnny B. Goode" is the only rock-and-roll song included on the Voyager Golden Records that was included aboard both Voyager spacecraft launched in 1977. Chuck Berry was the first person induced into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Beyonce

Beyonce Giselle Knowles-Carter (1981-) was born in Houston. Her father was a Xerox sales manager and her mother was a hairdresser and salon owner. Her first name his her mother's maiden name. Beyonce and her sister, Solange Knowles, are the first sister to have both had No. 1 albums. Beyonce was lead singer to Destiny's Child, a girl group. Her album Lemonade was the world's best-selling album of 2016. She is the first artist to debut at number one on the Billboard 200 with their first six solo albums. She is the highest-earning black singer of all time. She is the most-awarded female artist of all time.

Billboard charts

The *Billboard* charts tabulate the popularity of songs and albums. On January 4, 1936, *Billboard* magazine published its first music hit parade. The first Music Popularity Chart was calculated in July 1940. By 1949, it was publishing charts in three categories: pop, country-and-Western, and rhythm and blues (a new term that replaced "race music"). Song charts were consolidated into the Hot 100 by mid-1958.

Black, Cilla

Priscilla Maria Veronica White (1943-2015) was better known as Cilla Black. She had the UK's biggest-selling single in the 1960s with "Anyone Who Had a Heart." She was the best-selling British female recording artist in the UK during the 1960s. She was mistakenly referred to as "Cilla Black" by a local music newspaper, so she decided to keep the name. She died at her holiday home in Spain after falling backwards and hitting her head on a terrace wall.

Black Crowes

The group formed in Marietta, Georgia, in 1984. They were first called "Mr. Crowe's Garden" after a children's book. They have sold over 30 million albums.

Black Sabbath

The band is considered a pioneer of heavy metal music. The band was originally called the Polka Tulk Blues Band, after a brand of talcum powder. They then renamed themselves Earth. Another band was called the same name, so they changed it to Black Sabbath after seeing a theatre across the street from where they were rehearsing playing *Black Sabbath*, starring Boris Karloff. Ozzy Osbourne was the lead vocalist, but was fired due to excessive substance abuse. The band has sold over 70 million records worldwide.

Blondie

The main band member and lead vocal of Blondie was Debbie Harry, a former waitress and Playboy Bunny. The band's name was originally Angel and the Snake. They renamed themselves Blondie in October 1974. The name derived from comments by truck drivers who catcalled "Hey, Blondie" to Debbie harry as they drove past.

Blue Oyster Cult

The band formed in 1967. It was first called Soft White Underbelly. The name is from a phrase by Winston Churchill in describing Italy during World War II. The name "Blue Oyster Cult" came from a 1960s poem written by manager Sandy Pearlman. The band was the first to use lasers in performance.

Bo Diddley

Elias McDaniel (1928-2008), known as Bo Diddley, first started out as a carpenter and mechanic, but played music (first plating the violin) in street corners in Chicago. He taught himself how to play the guitar, which he got for Christmas. The origin of his stage name came from a singer his adoptive mother knew. It was also a local comedian's name, which Leonard Chess adopted as McDaniel's stage name. Bo Diddley meant a funny storyteller.

Bolton, Michael

Michael Bolotin (1953-) is better known professionally as Michael Bolton. His band was called Blackjack. He has sold over 75 million records. In 1992, he was sued by the Isley Brothers, claiming his 1991 hit song "Love Is a Wonderful Thing" plagiarized their 1966 song of the same name. Bolton lost and had to pay \$932,924, while Sony had to play \$4.2 million.

Bono

Paul David Hewson (1960-) is known by his stage name Bono. Growing up, he was part of a surrealist street gang called "Lypton Village." The gang had a ritual of nickname-giving, He was called Bono Vox, a Latin word for "good voice." It was later shortened to Bono. In 2005, he was given an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

Booker T. & the M.G.'s

The group was an instrumental R&B/funk band that formed in 1962 by Booker T. Jones. They were a house band of Stax Records, providing backup music to such singers as Wilson Pickett and Otis Redding. They were one of the first racially integrated rock groups. The M.G.s was named after the Mf sports car that one of the band members drove. The publicity department at Stax told everyone that it stood for "Memphis Group."

Boone, Pat

Patrick "Pat" Charles Eugene Boone (1934-) was a successful pop singer in the 1950s. He sold more than 45 million records and had 28 Top 40 hits. He was the second-biggest charting artist of the late 1950s, behind only Elvis Presley. Until the 2010s, he held the *Billboard* record for spending 220 consecutive weeks on the charts with one or more songs each week. He made a career of recording cleaned up versions of R&B tunes. He sang his own versions of songs like Little Richard's "Tutti Frutti" and Fats Domino's "Ain't That a Shame." His version did not have the energy of the originals, but they far outsold them. He graduated from Columbia University magna cum laude.

Boston

The band is from Boston, Massachusetts. The founder and leader was Tom Scholz, who graduated from MIT with a master's degree. He was first employed by Polaroid and joined the band "Freehold" and formed his own band called "Mother's Milk." The band was renamed "Boston" in 1976.

Bowie, David

David Robert Jones (1947-2016), known professionally as David Bowie, sold over 100 million records worldwide. He did not like is real name due to confusion with Davy Jones of the Monkees, so he took on the stage name David Bowie after the 19th-century James Bowie, the inventor of the Bowie knife. He received an honorary doctorate from Berklee College of Music and turned down a knighthood.

Boy George

George Alan O'Dowd (1961-) is known as Boy George. He is the lead singer of the pop band Culture Club. His father was physically and mentally abusive. His brother killed his wife in an episode of paranoia. His great uncle in Ireland was executed by the British in 1921 during the Irish War of Independence. In 2008, he was convicted of assault and false imprisonment of a male model. George handcuffed him to a wall fixture and beat him with a metal chain. He was sentence to 15 months of imprisonment.

Bread

Bread was an American soft rock band from Los Angeles. They were formed in 1968. A bread truck came along as the group was trying to think of a name. It began with a B, like the Beatles and the Bee Gees, and bread had a kind of universal appeal. For the first year, people were calling the group the Breads. In 1970, their song "Make It with You," was a No. 1 hit on the Hot

100 chart. In 1972, they released Baby I'm-a Want You, their most successful album, which peaked at No. 3 on the Billboard 200 chart.

British Invasion

This was a cultural phenomenon in the mid 1960s, when British bands came to the US. This include the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, the Kinks, the Dave Clark Five, Herman's Hermits, the Zombies, the Hollies, the Animals, Gerry and the Pacemakers, the Searchers, the Yardbirds, the Who, Dusty Springfield, Cilla Black, Tom Jones, and Donovan.

Brooks, Garth

Troyal Garth Brooks (1962-) was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His father was a draftsman for an oil company. His mother was a 1950s-era country singer. He received a track scholarship to Oklahoma State University, where he threw the javelin. At nights, he worked as a bouncer at a local bar. In 1984, he graduated with a degree in advertising. He is the only artist in music history to have released 9 albums that achieved diamond (over 10 million albums and singles) status, surpassing the Beatles that had 6. He is the best-selling solo albums artist in the US.

Brown, James

James Joseph Brown (1933-2006) was known as the "Godfather of Soul." His career lasted over 50 years. He holds the record for the most singles that did not reach No. 1. He did have 17 singles that reached No.1 on the R&B charts. He only had a 6th grade education. In his teen years, he had a brief career as a boxer and a baseball player. His first jobs were picking cotton in Georgia and shining shoes. At the age of 16, he was convicted of robbery and was sent to a juvenile detention center for 3 years. In 1966, an album of a live performance at New York's Apollo Theater spent 66 weeks on the *Billboard* sales charts.

Browne, Jackson

Jackson Browne (1948-) was born in Heidelberg, Germany. He has sold over 18 million albums in the US. In 1966, he joined the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band.

Buckinghams, The

The Buckinghams are an American pop band from Chicago. In 1966, they started out as a house band for WGN-TV in Chicago. The show's producers suggested they adopt a name reflective of the British invasion of musicians. The band adopted the name The Buckinghams, which sounded British and it was similar to a Chicago landmark called the Buckingham Fountain. In 1967, they had a No. 1 hit in the US and Canada called "Kind of a Drag."

Buffalo Springfield

The band took their name from a steamroller built by the Buffalo-Springfield Roller Company parked outside their house. The band was active for only two years and broke up after several drug-related arrests and line-up changes. Bruce Palmer of Canada was arrested for marijuana and deported back to Canada. He later returned to California where he was again deported for drug possession.

Buffett, Jimmy

James William Buffett (1946-) is an American singer-songwriter. In 1969, he received a bachelor's degree in history at the University of Southern Mississippi. After college, he worked as a correspondent for Billboard magazine in Nashville. He is an avid pilot and owns at least 5 different airplanes that he uses to fly to concerts. In 1977, he had a hit with "Margaritaville." He currently owns the Margaritaville Café restaurant.

Byrds, The

The Byrds were originally called the Jet Set, and then changed to the Beefeaters to sound more British. They changed it back to the Jet Set, and then to "The Byrds" to retain the theme of flight and echoing the deliberate misspelling of the Beatles. "Folk rock" was coined by the American music press to describe the band's sound. Their best-known song was their first single, "Mr. Tambourine Man," written by Bob Dylan.

Campbell, Glen

Glen Travis Campbell (1936-2017) released 64 albums in a career that spanned 5 decades. He grew up poor in Arkansas and picked cotton for a living. He dropped out of school at age 14 and worked at a gas station. He married at 18 and she was 16.

Cannon, Freddie

Frederick Anthony Picariello (1940-) is known as Freddy Cannon. At a young age he joined the National Guard and was a truck driver. As a singer, he was promoted by dick Clark. Swan Records suggest his new stage name as "Freddie Cannon." He appeared on American Bandstand 110 times – a record.

Captain & Tenille

This was a husband-and-wife team with Daryl Dragon (1942-2019) and Toni Tennille (1940-). Daryl work as a keyboardist for the Beach Boys. Because of his habit of wearing a ship captain's hat, he got his stage name "Captain." The couple filed for divorce in 2014, after 39 years of marriage. Daryl was unaware of the termination of his marriage until he was served with the divorce papers.

Carpenters

This was an American vocal and instrumental duo consisting of Karen Carpenter (1950-1983) and Richard Carpenter (1946-). Both of them were music majors at Long Beach State. In March 1970, they recorded "(They Long to Be) Close to You." It reached No. 1 on the Hot 100 chart and stayed there for 4 weeks. By 1978, Richard was addicted to Quaaludes and had to quit touring, Karen was suffering from an eating disorder. She died in 1983 as a consequence of anorexia nervosa. Her death brought media attention to anorexia nervosa and related conditions such as bulimia nervosa, which were little known about at the time.

Cars, The

The Cars were active from 1976 to 1988. The name was a suggestion from their drummer, David Robinson. Their first show was at Pease AFB in New Hampshire in 1976.

Cash, Johnny

John R. Cash (1932-2003) was born to poor cotton farmers in Arkansas. He was a Morse code operator while in the US Air Force, with the rank of Staff Sergeant. His first band was called "The Landsberg Barbarians." Afterwards, he sold appliances and studied to be a radio announcer. Cash was never in prison.

Chantels, The

The group was active from 1957 to 1970. They derived their name from the school St. Frances de Chantel. They were the second black girl group to enjoy nationwide success in the US, preceded by The Bobbettes. Their lead singer, Arlene Smith, was classical trained and performed at Carnegie Hall at age 12.

Charles, Ray

Ray Charles Robinson (1930-2004) is widely considered as the father of soul music. He was born in Florida and blinded during childhood due to glaucoma. He was totally blind by age 7. His brother, George, drowned in his mother's laundry tub when he was 4. While attending a school for the blind, he began learning piano. By age 15, he was a professional musician. In 1947, he moved to Seattle, wanting to get as far away from Florida as possible. He dropped his last name to avoid confusion with the boxer "Sugar" Ray Robinson. "What'd I say" was his first millionseller. It was banned by several radio stations, not for the lyrics, but for Charles's joyous moans, which was too suggestive relating to sex. Later, he was a heroin addict. As part of his therapy, he met with his psychiatrist and played chess 3 times a week. His best chess partner was Willie Nelson. In 1858, he had his first national hit with "I've Got a Woman."

Chess Records

Chess Records was Chicago record company from 1950 to 1975, founded by two Jewish brothers, Leonard and Phil Chess. Their father came from Poland. A chess knight was used as a logo.

Checker, Chubby

Ernest Evans (1941-), known as Chubby Checker, was given his nickname "Chubby" by his boss at the Produce Market, where h worked in Philadelphia. His stage name was given to him by Dick Clark's wife on *American Bandstand* after Ernest completed a Fats Domino impression. She asked him what his name was, and Ernest said "my friends call me 'Chubby'." She responded, "As in Checker?" The name was a play on words with Chubby being like Fats and Checker being like dominoes. His song "the Twist" is the biggest chart hit of all time by *Billboard* magazine. Chubby Checker built an entire career around the Twist dance craze. In 1963, he married Dutch model Catharina Lodders, who was Miss Holland and Miss World 1962.

Chicago

The band formed in Chicago in 1967. It was first called The Big thing, and then called Chicago Transit Authority. After the release of their first album, the band's name was shortened to Chicago to avoid legal action threatened by the actual mass-transit company of the same name.

They have sold over 100 million records. They were the first roc act to sell out Carnegie Hall for a week.

Clapton, Eric

Eric Patrick Clapton (1945-) is one of the greatest guitarists of all time. He is ranked 2nd in Rolling Stone's list of the "100 Greatest Guitarist of All Time," behind Jimi Hendrix. In 1963, he joined the Yardbirds. In 1966, he was part of the newly formed band Cream. During the Covid-19 pandemic, he was against masks, vaccinations, and lockdowns.

Clark, Dick

Richard Wagstaff Clark (1929-2012) grew up in Bronxville, NY. His older brother was a World War II P-47 pilot that died in the Battle of the Bulge. For awhile, as a radio announcer, he went by the name Dick Clay. He hosted *American Bandstand* from 1956 to 1989. His show premiered on national TV in 1957. The first record played was Jerry Lew Lewis's "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On."

Clark, Petula

Petula Sally Olwen Clark (1932-) is a British singer. Bother her parents were nurses. "Petula" was invented by her father, who joked that it was a combination of the names of two former girlfriends, Pet and Ulla. In the U.S., she was called "the First Lady of the British Invasion." In 1965, she recorded "Downtown," which became a No. 1 hit in the U.S.

Clash, The

The group was formed in London in 1976 and was one of the first British punk rock bands. The name came from when one of the band members was reading the newspapers and the word 'clash' kept recurring in the news stories.

Cline, Patsy

Virginia Patterson Hensley (1932-1963) was known as Patsy Cline. She was an American singer. She was one of the first country music artists to successfully cross over into pop music. Her mother was only 16 years old when she was born. Her father was a blacksmith. Her first job was to pluck and cut chickens. She would later report that her father sexually abuse her. Her father deserted the family and Patsy dropped out of high school. Her first job was working in a drug store as a clerk and soda jerk. In 1961, her biggest hit was "Crazy," written by Willie Nelson. In March 1963, she was killed in a plane crash during a flight in heavy weather from Kansas City, Kansas to Nashville. In 1973, she was the first female performer to be inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Clovers, The

They were an American R&B vocal group. With the first four members, they called themselves The Four Clovers. The group first formed in 1946 in Washington, D.C. Their biggest hit was "Love Potion No, 9" in 1959.

Coasters, The

The Coasters are an American rhythm and blues/rock and roll vocal group formed in 1955 and still performing. They were dubbed the Coasters for their willingness to go from the West coast to the East coast to Atlantic Record Company. They are the first group inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Their former manager, Patrick Cavanaugh, was convicted of murder and given the death sentence in 1984, but his sentence was commuted to life in prison.

Cobain, Kurt

Kurt Donald Cobain (1967-1994) was the front man of the rock band Nirvana. He was the son of an auto mechanic and waitress. During the last years of his life, he struggled with heroin addiction and suffered from depression. He died of a self-inflicted shotgun would of the head.

Cochran, Eddie

Ray Edward Cochran (1938-1960) was an American rock and roll musician. He dropped of high school in his first year to become a professional musician. He died in a car accident while on tour in England. He was in a taxi that crashed into a concrete lamp post. He was only 21.

Cocker, Joe

John Robert "Joe" Cocker (1944-2014) received his nickname from playing a childhood game called "Cowboy Joe." He left school to become an apprentice gasfitter. He first performed under the stage name Vance Arnold. He died of lung cancer at age 70. He had smoked 40 cigarettes a day.

Cole, Nat King

Nathaniel Adams Coles (1919-1965) was known as Nat King Cole. He recorded over 100 songs that became hits on the pop charts. He dropped out of school at age 15. He was the first black to host an American TV series. However, he could never get regular sponsors, and had to quit his TV series after a year. He said, "Madison Avenue is afraid of the dark." He was a heavy smoker and died of lung cancer.

Collins, Phil

Philip David Charles Collins (1951-) is best known as the singer of the rock band Genesis, and for his solo career. He had more US top 40 singles than any other artist during the 1980s. He is the second wealthiest drummer in the world, surpassed only by Ringo Starr.

Commodores

The group was founded in 1968. The name was chosen when one of the group members opened a dictionary and randomly picked 'Commodores." The group said they were lucky because the almost selected the word 'the Commodes.'

Como, Perry

Pierino Ronald "Perry" Como (1912-2001) performed for over 50 years. He was nicknamed "Mr. C." He started out as a barber. He had his own barber shop at the age of 14. He is the only person with 3 Hollywood Walk of Fame stars for his work in radio, TV, and music.

Contours, The

The Contours were an early black soul singing group from Detroit. They signed to Motown Records. In 1962, they recorded "Do You Love Me," a million-selling single that became a major hit all over again in 1988. The song hit No. 1 on Billboard's R&B chart, and crossed over to No. 3 on the Hot 100. They were first called the Blenders. In 1960, they changed their name to the Contours.

Cooke, Sam

Samuel Cook (1931-1964), known as Sam Cooke, has been called the "King of Soul." He added the "e" to his last name in 1957 to signify a new start in his life. He was the first major gospel star to cross over to secular music. His performed his first hit, "You Send Me" on the Ed Sullivan Show in 1957. In 1964, he was shot and killed at the age of 33 by the lady manager of a motel in Los Angeles. It was ruled as a justifiable homicide as he attacked the manager while drunk and naked.

Coolidge, Rita

Rita Coolidge (1945-) is an American recording artist. She was born in Tennessee. Her father was a minister and her mother was a school teacher. She graduated from Florida State University. She became known as "The Delta Lady." In 1973, she married Kris Kristofferson. They divorced in 1980.

Cooper, Alice

Vincent Damon Furnier (1948-), who's stage name is Alice Cooper, has been performing for over 50 years. Alice Cooper was originally the band name. His band was called Nazz, but another group had that name. They chose the name "Alice Cooper" because it sounded wholesome. Alice Cooper is considered "The Godfather of Shock Rock."

Costello, Elvis

Declan Patrick McManus (1954-) is known as Elvis Costello. He worked at Elizabeth Arden cosmetics firm as a data entry clerk. He later worked as a computer operator at the Midland Bank computer centre in England. He formed a pub rock band called Flip City and went by the stage name D. P. Costello. His manager suggested that he start using the first name Elvis. He was banned from Saturday Night Live for stopping a song in mid-intro to play "Radio, Radio" which criticized the commercialization of the airwaves and not allowed to play by NBC.

Country Joe and the Fish

The group was formed in Berkeley in 1965. It was formed by Country Joe McDonald and Barry "The Fish" Melton. The group disbanded in 1970. They were banned from appearing on the Ed Sullivan show for adding a swear word to their song "Fish Cheer."

Cover version

A cover version, or simply cover, is a new performance or recording by a musician other that the original performer or composer of the song.

Cowsills, The

The Cowsills are an American singing group from Rhode Island. The band was formed in 1965 by Bill, Bob, and Barry Cowsill. Other siblings, Susan, Paul, John, Richard, and their mother, Barbara, later joined the band. From 1968 to 1972, the band played an average of 200 performance dates per year, and was among the most popular acts on the American concert circuit. In 1968, they had their own comic book, published by Harvey Comics. The group inspired the 1970s TV show *The Partridge Family*.

Cream

The band was named "Cream" as the band members were considered the "cream of the crop" amongst blues and jazz musicians in England. Before deciding upon "Cream," the band considered calling themselves "Sweet 'n' Sour Rock 'n' Roll."

Creedence Clearwater Revival

The group was first known as The Blue Velvets, and then The Golliwogs. The name Creedence Clearwater Revival came from a friend's name called Credence, an Olympia Beer commercial ("it's the clear water"), and the four members' renewed commitment to their band. The group is not from the south, but from the East Bay of San Francisco. The band was the first major act signed to appear at Woodstock 1969.

Croce, Jim

James Joseph Croce (1943-1973) was an American folk and rock singer-songwriter. He attended Villanova University and received a B.S. degree in Social Sciences. He enlisted in the Army National Guard in New Jersey to avoid being drafted. He took odd jobs such as driving trucks, construction work, being a welder, and teaching guitar to play the bills. In 1973, he recorded "Bad, Bad Leroy Brown," which made it to No. 1 on the Hot 100 chart. He died in a plane crash. The chartered Beechcraft crashed into a tree on takeoff in Louisiana, killing 5.

Crosby, Bing

Harry Lillis "Bing" Crosby (1903-1977) was the first multimedia star. He made over 70 feature films and more that 1,600 songs. He was born in Tacoma, Washington. In 1948, American polls declared him the "most admired man alive." He got his nickname, "Bing," from a neighbor, calling him Bingo from Bingville, which was a comic feature. In time Bingo got shortened to Bing. He died instantly from a massive heart attack on a golf course in Spain. His tombstone incorrectly identified his year of birth as 1904 instead of 1903.

Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young

First known as Crosby, Stills & Nash when the group was formed in 1968, Neil Young joined the group in late 1969.

Culture Club

The new wave group formed in London in 1981. The lead vocal is Boy George. They called themselves the Culture Club because the group had an Irish gay man, a black Briton, a blond Englishman, and a Jewish drummer.

Dale, Dick

Richard Anthony Dale (1937-2019) was known as Dick Dale. He developed surf rock music and was known as "The King of the Surf Guitar" and the "Father of Heavy Metal." He first started playing in local country western bars in Southern California. In 1955, a man called Texas Tiny gave him the name "Dick Dale" because he thought it was a good name for a country singer.

Daniels, Charlie

Charles Edward Daniels (1936-2020) performed for 5 decades. He performed at Jimmy Carter's inauguration in 1977.

Darin, Bobby

Walden Robert Cassotto (1936-1973) was the real name of Bobby Darin. His grandfather was a mobster who died in prison. He was 32 before his real mother told him of his birth to her when she was 17. He had thought she was his older sister. He was raided by his grandmother, who he thought was his mother. Darin's mother never told him who his father was. He adopted his last name from the first name of actor Darren McGavin, TV's Mike Hammer. He started his career as a songwriter for Connie Francis. His first wife was Sandra Dee. He died at age 37 after a heart operation.

Dave Clark Five, The

This British band was the second group of the British Invasion to appear on the Ed Sullivan Show, after the Beatles. They appeared on the show 18 times, more than any British group.

Davis, Mac

Scott Mac Davis (1942-2020) was an American country singer and songwriter. He got his start as an employee of Nancy Sinatra's company, Boots Enterprises, writing songs. In 1972, he recorded "Baby, Don't Get Hooked on Me." It made it to No.1 and was nominated for a Grammy. He died at age 78 following heart surgery,

Davis, Sammy

Sammy Davis Jr. (1925-1990) was an American singer and actor. He was born in Harlem. Both parents were vaudeville actors and dancers. Sammy Davis Jr served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was assigned to the Army's Special Services branch, which put on performances for the troops. In 1954, he lost his left eye in a car accident. In 1964, he appeared in the Broadway show, Golden Boy. The show featured the first interracial kiss on Broadway. In 1972, he had a No. 1 hit with "The Candy Man." His popularity helped break the race barrier of the segregated entertainment industry. He died in debt to the IRS, owing then over \$7 million. He died of complications from throat cancer. He had been a heavy smoker.

Deep Purple

The group is considered among the pioneers of heavy metal and modern hard rock. The band was named after the favorite piano song of guitarist Ritchie Blackmore's grandmother. The song

was published in 1933 and written by pianist Peter DeRose. The grandmothermcarther par played the song on her piano.

Denver, John

Henry John Deutschendorf (1943-1997) was known professionally as John Denver. He came from a military family. He died at age 53 in a plane crash while piloting a recently purchased Ultra light plane. He was not legally permitted to fly at the time of the crash by the FAA as Denver failed to maintain sobriety. His medical certification had been revoked.

Derek and the Dominos

The group was formed by Eric Clapton, Jim Gordan, Carl Radle, and Bobby Whitlock. The band was active for only one year. The group was first called "Eric Clapton and Friends." Someone suggested "Del and the Dominos," Del or Derek was the name of guitarist Delaney Bramlett from a previous group.

DEVO

This rock band was from Akron, Ohio and formed in 1973. It consisted of two sets of brothers. The name DEVO comes from the concept of "de-evolution."

Diamond, Neil

Neil Leslie Diamond (1941-) is an American singer-songwriter. His father was a dry-goods merchant. After high school, he was a waiter in the Catskills resort area. He attended New York University as a pre-med major on a fencing scholarship. He was a member of the 1960 NCAA men's championship fencing team. In his senior year in college, he dropped out when he was just 10 units short of graduation to write songs. He has had 10 No. 1 singles. He has had 38 songs in the Top 10 on the Billboard Adult Contemporary charts. He has been married 3 times. He retired from touring due to Parkinson's disease.

Dinning, Mark

Max Edward Dinning (1933-1986) was known by his stage name of Mark Dinning. He was an American pop music singer. In February 1960, he recorded "Teen Angel," written by his sister and her husband. It reached number one on the Billboard Hot 100 singles chart. The lyrics were about a death of a teenage girl. It was deemed by British radio stations as too morbid to be aired. Dinning had an alcohol addiction that affected his career. He died of a heart attack in Missouri at the age of 52.

Dire Straits

The rock band formed in London in 1977. The band was first called Café Racers. The name Dire Straits was coined by a musician roommate, thought up while they were rehearsing in the kitchen with a friend. Their album, *Brothers in Arms* (1985), sold over 30 million copies. It was the first album to sell a million copies on compact disc. They were considered the biggest British rock band of the 1980s.

Donovan

Donovan Phillips Leitch (1946-) is a Scottish singer. He contracted polio as a child and walked with a limp. In 1966, he was the first high-profile British pop star to be arrested for possession of cannabis. He was refused entry to the US until late 1967.

Doo-wop

Doo-wop is a genre of rhythm and blues music that originated from black youth in the 1940s. It features vocal group harmony that carries a melodic line to a simple beat with little or no instrumentation. It usually gas nonsense syllable (such as doo-wop). The term "doo-wop" first appeared in print in 1951. It was a nonsense expression.

Doobie Brothers, The

The Doobie Brothers, a group from San Jose, were active from 1970 to 1982. The name was suggested by their next door neighbor, saying, "Why don't you call yourself the Doobie Brothers because you're always smoking pot."

Doors, The

The band took its name from the title of Aldous Huxley's book, *The Doors of Perception*. The lead singer was Jim Morrison. The group's first single was "Light My Fire." Their first version was about 3 minutes long, the usual length for the top-40 singles. A second version was over 6 minutes long to take advantage of Morrison's vocals and a towering organ play. There album rose to number two, topped only by the *Sqt. Pepper* album by the Beatles.

Drifters, The

The Drifters are an American doo-wop and R&B/soul vocal group. The group has had over 60 musicians since 1953. Their most famous hit was "Under the Boardwalk," released in 1964.

Durham, Eddie

Eddie Durham (1906-1987) was an American jazz guitarist who was one of the first pioneers of the electric guitar in jazz. In 1935, he was the first to record an electrically amplified guitar. The records Durham made in 1938 with Count Basie's Kansas City Five orchestra were probably the first electric guitar solos on record.

Duran Duran

The group's name came from Dr. Durand Durand, a character from the sci-fi film *Barbarella*. There are three members with the last name of Taylor, but none are related. The group was one of the first to be featured in the MTV cable channel when it was created,

Dylan, Bob

Bob Dylan (1941-) was born Robert Allen Zimmerman. His father was a hardware store owner in Minnesota. He is considered one of the greatest songwriters of all time. He has sold more than 125 million records. In 2016, he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature "for having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition." He changed his name while in college, influenced by the poems of Dylan Thomas. In 1965, he appeared at the Newport Folk Festival with an electric guitar. This infuriated folk purists, but inaugurated the

folk-rock era. In his career, he has performed in over 3,000 shows. He has published 8 books of paintings and drawing.

Eagles

This rock band formed in Los Angeles in 1971. They were first called Teen King and the Emergencies. The band name came during a peyote and tequila-influenced group outing in the Mojave Desert. The band members were recruited by Linda Ronstadt.

Earth, Wind & Fire

The band was founded in Chicago in 1969. They were first known as the Salty Peppers. The name came from the known classical elements except water. One of the band member's astrological signs was Sagittarius, which had the qualities of fire, earth, and air.

Electric guitar

An electric guitar is a guitar that requires external amplification in order to be heard at typical performance volumes. It was invented in 1932. During the 1950s and 1960s, it was the most important instrument in popular music.

Electric Light Orchestra

This English rock band formed in Birmingham in 1970. The band holds the record for having the most *Billboard* Hot 100 top 40 hits without a number one single of any band in US chart history. The band was originally called *The Move*. They took their name because the group combined electric rock instruments with orchestral instruments. "Light Orchestras" were small orchestras popular in England in the 1960s.

Eminem

Marshall Bruce Mathers III (1972) is known as Eminem. He spent 3 years in 9th grade due to truancy and poor grades. He dropped out of high school at age 17. He began rapping and adopted the name M&M, which later became Eminem. From 2000 to 2009, he was the best-selling music artist in the US. He was also the best-selling male music artist of the 2010s. He has had over 10 billion views of his music videos on his YouTube Vevo page and is the most-streamed music artist of all time. He has had the most consecutive No. 1 debuts on the US albums charts, with 10.

Emerson, Lake & Palmer

This English progressive rock group formed in London in April 1970. The band consisted of Keith Emerson, Greg Lake, and Carl Palmer. Emerson died in 2016 by suicide in a gunshot to the head. Lake died in 2016 of cancer.

Eurythmics

This was a British pop duo of Annie Lennox and Dave Stewart. The name came from a musical exercise system that Lennox had encountered as a child. It imitates play and games include musical storytelling. They formed the group in 1980 at a hotel in Wagga Wagga, Australia.

Everly Brothers, The

The rock duo consisted of brothers Isaac Donald Everly (1937-2021) and Phillip Everly (1939-2014). They toured with Buddy Holly. In 1961, both of them enlisted in the US Marine Corps. They hold the record for the most Top 100 singles by any duo.

Fabian

Fabiano Anthony Forte (1943-) is known as Fabian. 11 of his songs reached the *Billboard* Hot 100 listing. His father was a Philadelphia police officer. Fabian worked part time at a pharmacy. During the Vietnam War, he was drafted, but was declared 4F (unfit for service).

Fats Domino

Antoine Dominique Domino (1928-2017) was known as Fats Domino. He was one of 9 children. He dropped out of school at age 14. He started out as an ice delivery man in New Orleans. As a teenager, he worked in a bedspring factory by day and in local bars at night in New Orleans. He was nicknamed "Fats" because a New Orleans bandleader said that Domino reminded him of renowned pianists Fats Waller and Fats Pichon. Domino also had a large appetite. Fats Domino's first single was "the Fat Man," recorded in 1949. Elvis Presley considered him the real king of rock 'n' roll. Domino was the best-selling black rock-and-roll star of the 1950s. He had more hits and sold more records (65 million) than any other fifties rocker except for Elvis Presley. He had 43 records that made the *Billboard* charts, with 23 gold records. He had 8 children, named Antoine, Anatole, Andre, Antonio, Antoinette, Andrea, Anola, and Adonica.

Flack, Roberta

Roberta Cleopatra Flack (1937-) is an American singer. Her father was a Veterans Administration draftsman from North Carolina and Virginia. At age 15, she entered Howard University on a full music scholarship, making her one of the youngest students ever to enroll there. She graduated from Howard University at age 19 and began graduate studies in music, but dropped out after the sudden death of her father. She took a job teaching music and English in North Carolina. She also taught private piano lessons. Flack was the first artist to win the Grammy Award for Record of the Year in two consecutive years. In 1972, she recorded "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face." Clint Eastwood used in his film, *Play Misty for Me*. It was the biggest hit of the year in 1972 and spent 6 weeks as No. 1.

Fleetwood Mac

This British-American rock band formed in London in 1967. The drummer was Mick Fleetwood. John McVie ("Mac" being short for McVie) was the bassist.

Four Freshmen, The

This male vocal quartet was formed in 1948 at the Jordan School of Music at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. The original name was the Toppers. The last original member retired in 1993.

Four Seasons, The

In 1960, the bank known as the Four Lovers evolved into the Four Seasons, with Frankie Valli as the lead singer. They are only one of two American bands to have chart success before, during, and after the British Invasion of bands. The other American band to have that success was the Beach Boys. In 1960, the Four Lovers failed an audition at a bowling alley in New Jersey. They changed their name and took their name from the bowling alley called the Four Seasons. That was a turning point for the band. The original name was the Four Seasons Partnership.

Four Tops

This vocal quartet was formed in Detroit in 1953. The original name was the For Aims. In 1956, they recorded for Chess Records, changing their name to the Four Tops to avoid confusion with the Ames Brothers. They helped establish the Motown Sound.

Frampton, Peter

Peter Kenneth Frampton (1950-) is known for his work as a guitar player and using a talk box. At age 8, he was taking classical music lessons. In 1969, at age 18, he helped form the band Humble Pie. Around this time, he was introduced to the "talk box" that was to become one of his trademark guitar effects. He cites the September 11, 2001 attacks in the US as his reason for becoming a US citizen and seeking the right to vote.

Francis, Connie

Concetta Rosa Maria Franconero (1937-) is better known as Connie Francis. She is an American pop singer and former actress. She graduated 2nd in her class in high school in New Jersey. It was Arthur Godfrey who advised her to change her stage name to Connie Francis for the sake of easier pronunciation. In 1957, she was about to accept a four-year scholarship to study medicine at New York University when she made one more recording. She recorded "Who's Sorry Now?" which reached number 1 on the UK Singles Chart and number 4 in the US. From 1958 to 1962, she was voted the "Best Female Vocalist" by *American Bandstand* viewers. Bobby Darin and Connie Frances had a romantic relationship. When her father learned that Darin wanted to elope with her after one of her shows, he ran Darin out of the building at gunpoint. Francis was married 4 times. None of the marriages lasted longer than a year. In 1981, he brother was murdered by Mafia hitmen.

Franklin, Aretha

Aretha Louise Franklin (1942-2018) was known as the Queen of Soul. Her father was a Detroit minister. She dropped out of school during her sophomore year. In 1966, she recorded "Lady Soul." This was the first of her classic hits. In 1987, she became the first female performer to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. In 2010, *Rolling Stone* magazine ranked here number one on its list of the "100 Greatest Singers of All Time."

Freddie and the Dreamers

This English beat band was formed in 1963. The lead vocalist was 5-foot-3-inch-tal Freddie Garrity (1936-2006). Garrity worked as a milkman in Manchester, England. Their song "do the Freddie" inspired 'The Freddie' as a dance craze.

Freed, Alan

Albert James "Alan" Freed (1921-1965) was an American disc jockey that coined the term "rock and roll." He served in the US Army during World War II and worked as a DJ on Armed Forces Radio. He was the first DJ to frequently play and promote rock and roll. The term already existed, and had been used by *Billboard* as early as 1946, but it remained obscure. He reigned as King Jock of the 1950s radio. In 1951, Freed had the first rock radio show, Alan Freed's *Moondog's Rock 'n Roll Party*, which debuted on station WJW in Cleveland. His career was destroyed by the payola scandal, allegations of taking credit for songs he did not write, tax evasion, and chronic alcoholism. He pleaded guilty to commercial bribery. He died at the age of 43.

Fugs, The

The Fugs are an American band formed in New York City in 1964 and was active until 1969. The band's name came from a euphemism for sexual intercourse used in Norman Mailer's novel *The Naked and the Dead.* The group is known for its comedic and lewd nature. The FBI investigated them and called the Fugs the "most vulgar thing the human mind could possible conceive."

Funk

This is a music genre that originated in black communities in the mid-1960s. It was rhythmic, danceable new form of music through a mixture of soul, jazz, and R&B. It originated with James Brown's development of a groove that emphasized the downbeat, with heavy emphasis on the first beat of every measure.

Garcia, Jerry

Jerome John Garcia (1942-1995) was the founder, lead guitarist, and a vocalist with the Grateful Dead, which he performed for 30 years. He was named after composer Jerome Kern. When he was 4, he lost his right middle finger caused by is bother in a wood splitting accident. At age 5, his father drowned while fishing. Jerry's first string instrument that he played was the banjo. He later studied at the San Francisco Art Institute. After high school, he stole a car and was given the option of prison or the US Army. He chose the army but went AWOL several times. In 1960 he was given a general discharge. He struggled with diabetes, obesity, smoking, and heroin and cocaine addiction. He died of a heart attack at age 53 at a California drug rehabilitation facility. In 1987, Ben & Jerry's ice cream introduced their Cherry Garcia flavor ice cream dedicated to Jerry Garcia. It was the first ice cream flavor dedicated to a musician.

Gaye, Marvin

Marvin Pentz Gay (1939-1984), known as Marvin Gaye, was nicknamed "Prince of Motown" and "Prince of Soul." In 1956, he dropped out of high school in the Washington, DC, area and joined the US Air Force. He later faked mental illness and was discharged with a "General Discharge." He later changed the spelling of his surname by adding an e, the same way as did Sam Cooke. He did this to silence rumors that he was gay, and to further distance between himself and his father, who beat him often. On April 1, 1984, one day before his 45th birthday, he was shot dead by his father in Los Angeles. His father was charged with first degree murder, but was reduced

to voluntary manslaughter following diagnoses of a brain tumor. He was given a suspended 6-year sentence. He died in a nursing home.

Genesis

This English rock band formed in 1967 with drummer/singer Phil Collins added in 1971. One suggestion for the band's name was "Gabriel's Angels." The producer selected "Genesis" as an indication of a start of his production career. Their first album, *From Genesis to Revelation*, was not a commercial success because many record shops filed it in the religious music section.

Gentry, Bobbie

Roberta Lee Streeter (1942-), better known as Bobbie Gentry, is a retired American singersongwriter. She was one of the first female artists to compose and produce her own material. She took her stage name from the 1952 film *Ruby Gentry*. She entered UCLA as a philosophy major, and then transferred to the Los Angeles Conservatory of Music to study music theory, composition, and arranging. In 1967, she recorded "Ode to Billy Joe," which spent 4 weeks as number one on the Hot 100 chart. It was No. 3 in the Billboard year-end chart. Capito Records pre-ordered 500,000 of her debut album – the largest pressing of a debut album in the label's history at that point.

Gerry and the Pacemakers

This was a British beat group from 1956 to 1966. They came from Liverpool. They were the first act to reach number one in the UK Singles Chart with their first three songs. The group's original name was Gerry Marsden and the Mars Bars. They were forced to change when the Mars candy company complained.

Go-Go's, The

This was an American female band formed in Los Angeles in 1978. In 1982, the band topped the Billboard album chart as the first and only all-female band writing its own material and playing its own instruments. They were first called "Dottie Danger." The group frequently met at a Denny's on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood. It was there that they changed their band's name to Go-Go's. The band broke up in 1985, but reconvened several times afterwards.

Goldsboro, Bobby

Robert Charles Goldsboro (1941-) is an American pop and country singer-songwriter. From 1962 to 1964, he played guitar for Roy Orbison. In 1968, he recorded "Honey," about the death of a man's wife. The song was recorded in one take. It became the largest-selling record in the world for 1968 and topped the Hot 100 chart for 5 weeks. It reached No. 2 in the UK, and was a number one single in Australia.

Grand Funk Railroad

The group formed as a trio in 1969. The band name was a play on words for the Grand Trunk Western Railroad, a well-known rail line in Michigan. The rail line ran through the band's home town of Flint, Michigan. In 1971, they sold out Shea Stadium in just 72 hours, a record.

Grateful Dead

The band was active from 1965 to 1995. The band was previously called The Warlocks. They changed their name after finding out another band was called The Warlocks. The name "Grateful Dead" was chosen from a dictionary. Jerry Garcia picked up a dictionary and randomly selected this name when his finger landed on that phrased while playing a game of Fictionary. The term appears in folktales from a variety of cultures. Their fan base are known as "Deadheads." They are the godfathers of the jam band world.

Green, Al

Albert Leornes Greene (1946-) is better known as Al Green. His parents were sharecroppers in Arkansas. Al was kicked out of his family home while in his teens after his deeply religious father caught him listening to rock and roll singer Jackie Wilson. Al then lived with a prostitute, began hustling, and took recreational drugs. Before releasing his first album, Al removed the final "e" from his name and release his first album *Green is Blues* in 1969. After an incident in which his girlfriend died by suicide, Green became an ordained pastor and turned to gospel music. He later returned to secular music.

Grunge

Grunge is sometimes referred to as the Seattle sound. It is an alternative rock genre and subculture that emerged in the mid-1980s in the Seattle area. It fuses elements of punk rock and heavy metal, but without punk's structure and speed. The word "grunge" is American slang for "someone or something that is repugnant" and also for "dirt." In 1992, grunge, the dominant form of rock in the 1990s, went nationwide when Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit" became a hit.

Guess Who, The

This Canadian group originated in 1962 as Chad Allen and the Expressions. In 1965, they released "Shakin' All Over." Their American label disguised the single by crediting it to Guess Who?, as a publicity stunt to generated speculation that it was a more famous British band working incognito. Even after releasing the band's original band, DJs continued to announce the group as Guess Who? This forced the band to accept the new name. In 1968, the question mark was dropped from the band's name. The original band was disbanded in 1975.

Guns N' Roses

Guns N' Roses is an American hard rock band from Los Angeles. In 1987, their debut album, *Appetite for Destruction*, reached number one a year after its release. The album sold 30 million copies worldwide. It sold 18 million units in the US, making it the country's bestselling debut album. The name came from combining the names of their two previous groups, *Hollywood Rose* and *L.A. Guns*.

Guthrie, Arlo

Arlo Davy Guthrie (1947-) is an American retired folk singer-songwriter. He is the son of composer Woody Guthrie and dance Marjorie Mazia Guthrie. In 1965, he was arrested for illegally dumping on private property after discovering that the local landfill was closed for the

Thanksgiving holiday. The littering charge served as the basis of his *Alice's Restaurant* song. The Alice in his song was his librarian at Arlo's boarding school who later opened up a restaurant.

Guthrie, Woody

Woodrow Wilson Guthrie (1912-1967) was an American singer-songwriter from Oklahoma. He was named after Woodrow Wilson, then Governor of New Jersey. His father was a member of the Ku Klux Klan. When Guthrie was 7, his sister died after setting her clothes on fire. At 14, his mother was committed to an insane asylum. He dropped out of high school in his senior year and worked as a sign painter. During the Dust Bowl period, he moved to Los Angeles and wrote a column for the communist newspaper *People's World* in 1939-1940. Throughout his life, he was associated with communist groups. In February 1940, he wrote his most famous song, "This Land Is Your Land." It wasn't recorded until 1944. During World War II, he enlisted in the merchant marines, and then the US army. He was married 3 times and fathered 8 children. One of his daughters died when she was four in a fire. Guthrie was incarcerated for 10 years in psychiatric hospitals. He died of Huntington's disease, the same illness which killed his mother.

Haggard, Merle

Merle Ronald Haggard (1937-2016) was a country singer. He was born in a train boxcar in California. He served time in San Quentin prison for robbery at a Bakersfield roadhouse. While in San Quentin, he became friends with Caryl Chessman, an author and death-row inmate. While in prison, he earned a high school GED and kept a steady job in the prison's textile plant. He also played for the prison's country music band. When he got out of prison, he became a ditch digger while performing around Bakersfield. He died on April 6, 2016, his 79th birthday.

Haley, Bill

William John Clifton Haley (1925-1981) was a pioneering rock and roll musician. He is credited with first popularizing rock and roll with his group *Bill Haley & His Comets*. He was blind in his left eye. He left home at age 15 and worked for a water-bottling plant, and then a travelling medicine show. During the 1940s, he was considered one of the top cowboy yodelers in the US. His first band was called the *Saddlemen*. In 1953, he recorded "Crazy Man Crazy." This was the first rock-and-roll single to be a nationwide hit and to make the *Billboard* charts. His song "Rock Around the Clock" was the first record to sell over one million copies in both Britain and Germany. His song "Shake, Rattle and Roll" was the first rock and roll song to enter the British singles charts. He was an alcoholic and had serious mental health issues. He died of a heart attack at the age of 55.

Hall & Oates

This band formed in 1970 in Philadelphia by Daryl Hall and John Oates. The two never liked being referred to as "Hall & Oates." All of their albums say Daryl Hall and John Oates. Daryl Hall was born Daryl Franklin Hohl in 1946. John William Oates was born in 1948. They both attended Temple University in Philadelphia. They lived in an apartment that had "Hall & Oates" on the mailbox, which became the duo's common nickname.

Hammond, John

John Henry Hammond (1910-1987) was an American record producer and music critic. His father attended Yale and graduated with a law degree from Columbia Law School. His grandfather was a Civil War general. John Hammond dropped out of Yale to pursue a career in the music industry. He was the first U.S. correspondent for *Melody Maker*, a British weekly magazine. His sister married Bennie Goodman. Hammond was one of the first men to racially integrate the American music industry. Hammond was Bob Dylan's producer. He also discovered Aretha Franklin and Bruce Springsteen.

Hampton, Lionel

Lionel Leo Hampton (1908-2002) was an American jazz musician and bandleader. Born in Louisville, Kentucky, he began his career playing drums in Chicago. As a drummer, he did stunts with multiple pairs of sticks such as twirling and juggling without missing a beat. Benny Goodman hired Hampton as a musician. Hampton was the first major black musician to play with a popular white band. In the mid-1940s, his big band introduced the heavy backbeat and honking saxophones. In 1997, his apartment caught fire and destroyed his awards and belongings. Hampton escaped uninjured.

Hanson

Hanson is an American pop rock band from Tulsa, formed in 1992. It was formed by three Hanson brothers. They were known as the Hanson Brother before shortening the name Hanson in 1993. They are best known for the 1997 hit song "MMMBop." The song was written and performed by the trio of young brothers ranging from 11 to 16 years at the time. The song is considered the most misunderstood successful song of all time.

Hayes, Isaac

Isaac Lee Hayes Jr. (1942-2008) was one of the creative forces behind Stax records. His mother died young and his father abandoned his family. He was raised by his maternal grandparents. He dropped out of high school and worked in a meat-packing plant in Memphis. In the evenings, he played music at nightclubs. He went back to school and got his diploma at age 21. He turned down several music scholarships. He won an Oscar for the Best Original Song in 1972 for his theme from Shaft. He died of a stroke while running on a treadmill 10 days before his 66th birthday.

Heart

This was an American rock band from Seattle formerly known as The Army, then Hocus Pocus, then White Heart, and finally Heart in 1973. The band charted top ten albums for 4 decades, a record for a female-fronted band.

Heavy Metal

The music is characterized by distortion, extended guitar solos, emphatic beats, and loudness. The heavy metal guitar sound comes from a combined use of high volumes and heavy fuzz.

Herman's Hermits

This English beat rock and pop group formed in 1964 in Manchester. They were originally called Herman and His Hermits. The band's name came because one of the band members, Peter Noone, looked like Sherman from Rocky and Bullwinkle cartoons. Sherman was shortened to Herman. In 1965, they were ranked America's top singles act of the year. The Beatles were ranked No. 2.

Hendrix, Jimi

James "Jimi" Marshall Hendrix (1942-1970) had a mainstream career of only 4 years. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame describes him as the greatest instrumentalist in the history of rock music. He did not graduate from High School in Seattle. He was caught riding in stolen cars and was given a choice of prison or the military. He chose the Army and enlisted in 1961. He enlisted and was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division. He was granted a general discharge under honorable conditions after a year. He was labeled an unqualified marksman, was caught napping while on duty, and failed to report for bed checks. He was known for setting his guitar on fire and playing the guitar with his teeth. He died at the age of 27 in London from barbiturate-related asphyxia.

Highwaymen, The

The Highwaymen were an American country music supergroup composed of Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, and Kris Kristoferson. They were active from 1985 to 1995. They recorded three major label albums.

Highwaymen, The

The Highwaymen were and American 1960s collegiate folk group. In 1961, they had a No. 1 hit with "Michael Row the Boat Ashore," which was an African-American work song. It was also #1 in the UK and #4 in Germany. The members all originated at Wesleyan University in Connecticut. In 1990, the members of the original group sued country music's Highwaymen (Nelson, Cash, Kristofferson, and Jennings) over their use of the name. The suit was later dropped.

Hip hop music

Hip hop music is also known as rap music. It was developed by blacks and Latinos in the Bronx in the 1970s. Hip hop music was not officially recorded for play on radio until 1979. Hip hop became the top-selling music genre by 1999.

Hirt, Al

Alois Maxell "Al" Hirt (1922-1999) was an American trumpeter and bandleader. His nicknames included "Jumbo" and "The Round Mound of Sound." His father was a policeman in New Orleans. During World War II, he was a bugler in the U.S. Army. He recorded the music to the 1960s show, *The Green Hornet*. He died of liver failure at the age of 75.

Holly, Buddy

Charles Hardin "Buddy" Holley (1936-1959) was a pioneer in rock and roll music. From early childhood, he was nicknamed "Buddy." In February 1956, in a music contract, Decca misspelled

Holley's surname as "Holly." From then on, he was known as "Buddy Holly." Buddy's band was called "The Crickets." On February 3, 1959, he charted a plane to travel from Clear Lake, Iowa to Moorhead, Minnesota. Soon after takeoff, the plane crashed, killing Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, The Big Bopper, and the pilot. Holly's signature glasses were not found and presumed lost until March 1980, when they were discovered in a courthouse storage area.

Hollies, The

This was a British pop rock group formed in 1962. It was formed by Graham Nah and Allan Clarke. They were first known as "Ricky and Dane Young," and then "The Deltas." In December 1962 they changed it to The Hollies because of their admiration for Buddy Holly. The band has never disbanded and continue to record and perform.

Homer and Jethro

Homer and Jethro were the stage names of Henry D. "Homer Haynes (1920-1971) and Kenneth C. "Jethro" Burns (1920-1989). They did satirical versions of popular songs. They were first known as Junior and Dude, but the pair was called Homer and Jethro when a radio program director forgot their nicknames and called them "Homer and Jethro." They were both drafted into the US Army during World War II, but served separately.

Honky-tonk

A honky-tonk is both a bar that provides country music and a style of music in such bars. It originally referred to bawdy variety shows in the old West and to the actual theaters showing them. Its earliest use in print came from a newspaper article dated June 28, 1874. The article stated that the police were busy raiding honkytonks.

Hooker, John Lee

John Lee Hooker (1912-2001) was an American blues singer and guitarist. He was the son of a sharecropper. He was the youngest of 11 children and illiterate. At age 14, he ran away from home, never seeing his parents again. He worked in factories in various cities during World War II. He eventually got a job at Ford Motor Company in Detroit in 1943, and then worked as a janitor in a Detroit steel mill. He also worked as an orderly. He started performing with an electric guitar, playing Delta blues.

Howlin' Wolf

Chester Arthur Burnett (1910-1987) was known as Howlin' Wolf, a Chicago blues singer originally from Mississippi. He was named after Chester A. Arthur, the 21st President of the United States. His nickname "Howlin' Wolf" originated from his grandmother who warned him that a wolf would come and get him if he killed any more chickens on her farm. He stuck to Wolf as a nickname and said that since he could not yodel, he turned to howlin.' His mother disowned him and refuse to take money offered by him when he became successful, saying it was from his playing the "devil's music." Sam Phillips heard him and licensed him to Chess Records. He died from complications of kidney surgery. He was 65.

Tracy Lauren Marrow (1958-) is better known as Ice-T. He began reading the novels of Iceberg Slim, which he memorized and recited to his friends. His friends told him, "Yo, kick some more of that Ice, T." This gave Marrow his nickname. In October 1977 he enlisted in the US Army. He later received an early honorable discharge because he was a single father after serving two years. After the Army, he became a DJ and began a career as a rapper. For a time, he was a burglar and robber, but never got caught like his friends did.

Idol, Billy

William Michael Albert Broad (1955-) is known as Billy Idol. He holds dual British and American citizenship. He was born in Middlesex, England and lived in New York from age 2 to 6. He attended the University of Sussex to pursue and English degree, but left after a year. He moved to New York City in 1981. The name "Billy Idol" was coined due to a schoolteacher's description of idol as "idle." He wanted to use the name "Billy Idle," but it was too close to the name of Monty Python star Eric Idle. He said the name was an inspired response to being described on his school report card as "idle" by his Chemistry teacher. He became the lead singer of the group Generation X.

Iggy Pop

James Newell Osterberg (1947-) is known as Iggy Pop. He was raised in a trailer park in Michigan. The name, Iggy, is derived from the Iguanas. His first stage name was Iggy Stooge. He is considered the Godfather of Punk. He was one of the first performers to do a stage-dive and popularized the activity. He was a heroin addict.

Iron Butterfly

This American rock band formed in San Diego in 1966. They are best known for the 1968 hit "In-A-Gadda Da-Vida," which is 17 minutes long. The song means in The Garden of Eden. The band had been booked to play at in August 1969, but got stuck at LaGuardia Airport. The band was looking for a name that was both weighty and happy-go-lucky. They came up with Iron Butterfly as a contradiction in terms.

Jackson 5, The

This is a pop band composed of members of the Jackson family. The group was founded in 1964 in Gary, Indiana. The five Jackson brothers were bolstered by their father, Joe Jackson. Michael Jackson, age 5, played the congas. The original name was the Jackson Five Singing Group. They were the first group to debut with 4 consecutive number one hits on the Billboard Hot 100.

Jackson, Michael

Michael Joseph Jackson (1958-2009) has been dubbed the "King of Pop." He popularized complicated dance moves such as the moonwalk and the robot. Michael Jackson is the most awarded music artist in history. He was the 8th child of the Jackson family. He had 13 Billboard Hot 100 number-one singles, more than any other male artist in his era. He was the first to have a top-ten single in 5 different decades. He holds 39 Guinness World Records, including the "Most Successful Entertainer of All Time." He died from an overdose of propofol administered by his personal doctor. The doctor was later convicted of involuntary manslaughter. In 2016, his

estate earned \$825 million, the highest amount for a celebrity ever recorded. His total career pretax earnings in life and death is \$2.2 billion. The IRS claims that the Jackson estate owes \$702 million. The court decision is still pending.

James, Tommy

Tommy James (1947-) is an American rock musician and singer. In the 1960s, he was the leader of the rock band Tommy James and the Shondells. James picked the band name because it "sounded good," and in honor of Troy Shondell (1939-2016), and American vocalist who recorded "This Time" in 1958. In 1970, James collapsed on stage at a concert from an overdose of drugs. He was pronounced dead. However, he did survive and took a break from recording. James recorded for Roulette Records, which was a front for organized crime for money laundering.

Jefferson Airplane

This band formed in San Francisco in 1965. Lead guitarist Jorma Kaukonen had a nickname called Blind Thomas Jefferson Airplane, named after blues pioneer Blind Lemon Jefferson. The band picked this silly name and called them "Jefferson Airplane." They became one of the pioneering bands of psychedelic rock. They were the first from the Bay Area to achieve international commercial success. In 1974, the group was reformed and called Jefferson Starship.

Jethro Tull

This was a British rock band formed in Blackpool in 1967. The band was named after 18th century British agriculturist, Jethro Tull. The name was given to the band by a booking agent, a history enthusiast.

Jett, Joan

Joan Marie Larkin (1958-) is known as Joan Jett. She has been described as the Queen of Rock and Roll. She changed her name to Joan Jett because she thought it had more of a rock-star sound. Her best known single is "I Love Rock 'n Roll." She has never confirmed or denied that she is a lesbian or bisexual.

Joel, Billy

William Martin Joel (1949-) is commonly nicknamed the 'Piano Man" after his first major hit and signature song of the same name. His Jewish father escaped from the Nazi regime when he had a mail order textile business in Germany. Joel boxed successfully on the amateur Golden Gloves circuit in New York. He won 2 bouts, but quit after his nose was broken in his 24th boxing match. He did not graduate from high school. He was awarded his diploma 25 years later after submitting essays to the school board in lieu of a missed English class exam while in high school. In 1970, suffering from depression, he left a suicide note and tried to kill himself by drinking furniture polish. In 1977, he released his album, *The Stranger*, which became Columbia Records' best-selling release, selling over 10 million copies. In 1985, he married model Christie Brinkley. They were divorced in 1994. In 1987, he became one of the first artists to hold a rock

tour in the Soviet Union after they lifted a ban on music. In later years, he was treated for alcohol abuse.

John, Elton

Reginald Kenneth Dwight (1947) is the birth name of Sir Elton Hercules John. He dropped out of high school to pursue a career in music. His father was a squadron leader in the Royal air Force. As a teenager, his eyesight was normal, but he wore horned-rimmed glasses to imitate Buddy Holly. He changed his name in 1972 to Elton John in homage to two members of Bluesology (a 1960s British blues group), Elton Dean and Long John Baldry. His tribute song "Candle in the Wind" was rewritten in dedication to Princess Diana and is the best-selling chart single of all time. He is the top solo artist in US chart history and the top Adult Contemporary artist of all time.

Jones, Jimmy

James Jones (1930-2012) was an American singer-songwriter from Alabama. He is best known for his 1960 R&B hit "Handy Man." It went No. 2 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart in 1960. He started out as a tap dancer.

Jones, Quincy

Quincy Delight Jones Jr. (1933-) is an American record produce r and musician. He career spans 70 years in the entertainment industry. He has 80 Grammy Award nominations – a record. In 1943, his family moved from the south side of Chicago to Bremerton, Washington, where his father worked at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. After the war, they moved to Seattle. He earned a scholarship to Seattle University and was friends with Clint Eastwood there, who was also a music major. After one semester, Jones transferred to Berklee College of Music in Boston on another scholarship. In 1971, he became the first black to be the musical director and conductor of the Academy Awards. He has 7 children with 5 different women. He never learned to drive, citing his involvement in a car crash at age 14 as the reason. He revealed that Ray Charles introduced him to heroin. He is a believer in astrology.

Jones, Tom

Sir Thomas John Woodward (1940-) is known as Tom Jones. He was born in South Wales. His father was a coal miner. At age 12, he was diagnosed with tuberculosis and was bedridden for 2 years. Jones worked in a glove factory and was later employed in construction. In 1963, his music manager gave him the name "Tom Jones" to exploit the popularity of the Academy Award-winning *Tom Jones* film. Jones has bragged that he had sex with up to 250 groupies a year at the height of his fame.

Joplin, Janis

Janis Joplin (1943-1970) was one of the most successful and widely known rock stars of her era. Her father was an engineer at Texaco in Port Arthur, Texas. She recorded 4 albums in her four-year career. She used to say, "They're paying me \$50,000 a year to be like me," In 1963, she was arrested in San Francisco for shoplifting. She became a "speed freak" and occasional heroin

user. She used LSD and was a heavy drinker. She died of a heroin overdose, compounded by alcohol, in 1970 at the age of 27.

Judas Priest

Judas Priest is an English heavy metal band formed in Birmingham, England, in 1969. One of its founders, John Perry, committed suicide at age 18. The group's name came from Bob Dylan's song, "The Ballad of Frankie Lee and Judas Priest."

Kasem, Casey

Kemal Amin "Casey" Kasem (1932-2014) was an American disc jockey and radio personality. He was born in Detroit to Lebanese immigrants. His parents were grocers. In 1952, he was drafted into the US Army and sent to Korea. There, he worked as a DJ/announcer on the Armed Forces Radio Korea Network. He was the host of *American Top 40* from 1970 to 1988. He then hosted Casey's Top 40 from 1989 to 1998. He died in Gig Harbor, Washington in 2014 at the age of 82. His death was caused by an ulcerated bedsore. He was buried in Oslo, Norway 6 months after his death.

KC and the Sunshine Band

This is an American disco and funk band which was formed in 1973 in Florida. Its founder was Harry Wayne Casey (KC), a record store employee. The band took its name from lead vocalist Casey's last name (KC) and the "Sunshine Band" from KC's home state of Florida, the Sunshine State. In 1975, the band has its first major hit with "Get Down Tonight." It topped the R&B chart and was No.1 on Billboard's Hot 100 chart. In 1975, they had another No. 1 hit with "That's the Way (I Like It)." In 2000, their guitarist, Jerome Smith, died accidently when he was crushed by a bulldozer in Miami where he worked as a construction operator.

King, B.B.

Riley B. King (1925-2015), known as B.B. King, was an American blues singer and guitarist. He was known as "the King of the Blues." He was born on a cotton plantation in Mississippi, the son of sharecroppers. He worked in the cotton fields for \$15 a month. His early job was a tractor driver. He served in the U.S. Army from 1945 to 1949. In 1949, he worked as a DJ/singer at WDIA in Memphis, and was nicknamed "Blues Boy," which was later shortened to B.B. He made over 250 performances a year. He married twice, but had no children with these wives. It is reported that he father 18 children, which he never denied. He died from vascular dementia as a consequence of his type 2 diabetes.

King, Ben E.

Benjamin Earl King (1938-2015) was an American soul and R&B singer. He was with the Drifters from 1958 to 1960. In 1960, he started his solo career, assuming the stage name Ben E. King. He returned to the Drifters in 1982.

King, Carole

Carol Joan Klein (1942-), known as Carole King Klein, is a singer-songwriter, active since 1958. Her *Tapestry* album in 1971 ushered in the singer-songwriter movement. She is the most

successful female songwriter of the latter half of the 20th century in the U.S. She wrote or cowrote 118 pop hits. She was the most successful female songwriter on the UK singles charts between 1962 and 2005.

Kinks, The

This was an English rock band that formed in 1963. They were first called the Ravens. They got their name when their manager referenced their "kinky" fusion sense. Their band was banned in the US for four years, attributed to their rowdy on-stage behavior.

Kiss

This American rock band formed in New York City in 1973. There was a band in New York called Lips, so Paul Stanley said, "What about Kiss?" They are known for their shocking live performances, face paint, and stage outfits. In December 1973, while opening for Blue Oyster Cult, Gene Simmons accidently set his hair on fire while performing his file-breathing routine. Kiss holds the title as America's No. 1 Gold record award-winning group of all time, having earned 30 Gold albums.

Knight, Gladys

Gladys Maria Knight (1944-) is known as the Empress of Soul. In 1952, at the age of 8, she won Ted Mack's *The Original Amateur Hour* TV show contest. Her band, made up of her siblings and cousins, was called The Pips, named after their cousin James "Pip" Woods. One of her sons was kidnapped and Gladys spent over \$1 million looking for her son. Gladys suffered from a gambling addiction that lasted over a decade. One time, she lost \$60,000 in one night at the baccarat table. She finally joined Gamblers Anonymous, which helped he quit the habit.

Kool & the Gang

This American band formed in Jersey City in 1964. They were first called the Jazziacs., led by Robert "Kool" Bell. Robert Bell had given himself the nickname "Kool" as a way of adapting to the street gangs in Jersey City. In 1967, they were calling themselves Kool & the Flames. However, their manager advised against the name to avoid confusion with James Brown's band, The Famous Flames. In 1969, they settled on Kool & the Gang. Their best known song is "Jungle Boogie." In 2015, 50 years after formation, the group received their star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Kristofferson, Kris

Kristoffer Kristofferson (1936-) was active as a musician from 1959 to 2021. His father was a U.S. Air Force major general. His grandfather was an officer in the Swedish Army. Kris had a summer job with a dredging company on Wake Island. He graduated from Pomona College with a B.A. degree, summa cum laude (top 1% in his class), in literature. He earned a Rhodes scholarship to Oxford University. He was a top boxer in school and played on the Oxford rugby team. He first recorded his music under the name Kris Carson. In 1960, he graduated from Oxford with a Bachelor of Philosophy degree in English literature. He joined the U.S. army, rose to the rank of captain and was a helicopter pilot. He also completed Ranger School. He was given an assignment to teach English literature at West Point, but decided to leave the Army to

pursue songwriting. His family dis-owned him because of his career decision. After leaving the Army, he went to Nashville and took a job sweeping floors at Columbus Recording Studios in Nashville. He also worked as a commercial helicopter pilot in Louisiana for an oil company. He tried to get Johnny Cash to listen to his recording tapes, but Cash was uninterested. Kris then landed a helicopter in Cash's front yard, gaining his full attention. Cash decided to record one of his songs, and that year Kristofferson won Songwriter of the Year at the Country Music Awards. Kris briefly dated Janis Joplin before her death in October 1970. He was married to singer Rita Coolidge from 1973 to 1976. He has 8 children from 3 marriages.

Krupa, Gene

Eugene Bertram Krupa (1909-1973) was an American jazz drummer and bandleader. His parents groomed him for the priesthood. He attended Saint Joseph's College for a year, but left to pursue a music career. He is considered "the founding father of the modern drumset." He died at age 64 from heart failure, and was suffering from leukemia and emphysema.

Lauper, Cyndi

Cynthia Ann Stephanie Lauper Thornton (1953-) is an American singer and songwriter. Her career has spanned over 40 years. She grew up in Queens. She took a friend's advice to spell her name "Cyndi" rather than "Cindy." She was expelled from high school, but later earned her GED. She left home a 17 to get away from her abusive stepfather. He 1983 album *She's So Unusual*, was the first debut album by a female artist to achieve four top-five hits.

Led Zeppelin

Originally named the New Yardbirds, the band was forced to change its name. A band member thought the group would go down like a "lead balloon." The "lead" was changed to "led" and "balloon" was changed to "zeppelin." Jimmy Page paid for the recording and mixing of the first album, which took 9 days. He paid \$4,300 for it. The debut album ended up making \$8 million dollars. The lead singer for Led Zeppelin was Robert Plant. The band was active from 1968 to 1980, forming in London.

Lee, Brenda

Brenda Mae Tarpley (1944-) was known as Brenda Lee. She was an American singer and had 47 chart hits in the 1960s. She was the top female singer of the 1960s. Her father spent 11 years in the U.S. Army playing baseball. He died in a construction accident in 1953. Her best hit was "I'm Sorry," recorded in 1960. She had 9 consecutive top 10 Billboard Hot 100 hits from 1960 to 1962. That set a record for a female solo artist that was not equaled until 1986 by Madonna. Because she was short, she was known as "Little Miss Dynamite." She is the only woman to be inducted into both the Rock and Roll and Country Music Halls of Fame.

Lewis, Gary

Gary Harold Lee Levitch (1946-) is an American musician who was the leader of Gary Lewis & the Playboys. He is the son of Jerry Lewis and singer Patti Palmer. His parents intended to name him after Cary Grant, but Cary became "Gary" as a result of a clerical error. When he was 18, he formed the band "Gary and the Playboys" with four friends. Because the bandmates were

always late for practice, Lewis referred to them as "playboys," and the name stuckIn 1965, his hit "This Diamond Ring," made it to No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. Beside The Lovin' Spoonful, the group was the only artist during the 1960s to have its first seven Hot 100 released each reach that chart's top 10. Lewis was later drafted into the U.S. Army in 1967, spending 2 months in Saigon, and the rest of the time in South Korea. In the 1970s, he took a break from performing, operating a music shop and giving drumming lessons.

Lewis, Jerry Lee

Jerry Lee Lewis (1935-) is considered rock and roll's first great wild man and is nicknamed the Killer. He was kicked out of a bible college for playing a boogie-woogie rendition of "My God is Real." After that incident, he went home and started playing the piano at clubs in Mississippi. His first band was called Jerry Lee Lewis And His Pumping Piano. His rock and roll career faltered after his marriage to his 13-year-old cousin. In 1988, he filed for bankruptcy with \$3 million in debt, including \$2 million he owed to the IRS.

Liberace

Wladziu Valentino Liberace (1919-1987) was an American pianist and singer. He was a musical child prodigy, playing the piano at age 4. He was known as "Lee" to his friends and "Walter" to his family. Liberace had an identical twin who died at birth. For a time, he adopted the stage name "Walter Busterkeys." At the height of his fame from the 1950s to the 1970s, he was the highest-paid entertainer in the world. He was nicknamed "Mr. Showmanship." In 1954, he performed at Madison Square Garden and was paid a record \$138,000 (\$1.4 million in today's currency) for just one performance. He was diagnosed HIV positive in 1985 and died of pneumonia as a result of AIDS in Palm Springs at the age of 67.

Little Richard

Richard Wayne Penniman (1932-2020), better known as Little Richard, is known as "The Innovator, The Originator, and The Architect of Rock and Roll." He was also nicknamed "the Georgia Peach" for his Georgia roots. He called himself the "Bronze Liberace." He had 11 brothers and sisters. Growing up, his father brutally punished Richard whenever he caught him wearing his mother's makeup and clothing. Because of his effeminate mannerisms, his father kicked him out of the family home when he was 15. In 1952, Little Richard's father, the owner of the Tip In Inn, was shot and killed. He left Macon, Georgia, and traveled with a traveling circus. In his early years he struggled with poverty and worked as a dishwasher for Greyhound Lines. When he toured Europe in the 1960s, the Beatles opened for Little Richard on some tour dates. He would sometimes perform in drag, performing under the name "Princess LaVonne." In 1955, he recorded "Tutti Frutti," which reached No. 2 on *Billboard* magazine's Rhythm and Blues chart, eventually selling over one million copies. The song was later done by Pat Boone. In his later life, Little Richard's addiction to cocaine, PCP, and heroin was costing him \$1,000 a day.

Lovin' Spoonful, The

This American rock band formed in New York City in 1965. They were the first band to have their first 7 consecutive Hot 100 hits to reach that chart's top 10. The band's name was inspired

by some lines in a song of Mississippi John Hurt called the "Coffee Blues." The term "a spoonful" suggested sex, and in some cases, use of a drug such as cocaine.

Lulu

Marie McDonald McLaughlin Lawrie (1948) is known as Lulu. She is a Scottish singer and actress. A age 14, she received the stage name "Lulu" from her manager, who commented, "All I know is that she's a real lulu of a kid." She was the first British female singer to appear live behind the Iron Curtain. In 1967, her song, "To Sir with Love," was the number 1 song of the year.

Lynn, Loretta

Loretta Webb Lynn (1932-) is an American singer-songwriter that had a career which spanned 6 decades in county music. Her father, Ted Web, was a coal miner and subsistence farmer in Kentucky. He died of black lung disease at age 52. She was named after the film star Loretta Young. At age 15, she married Oliver Vanetta "Doolittle" Lynn. They moved to Custer, Washington and had 6 children. She was 16 when her first child was born. Lynn is the most awarded country recording artist. In 1972, she was the first woman named "Entertainer of the Year" by the Country Music Association.

Lynyrd Skynyrd

This band formed in Jacksonville, Florida in 1964. The band was previously called The One Percent. The band got tired of taunts from audiences that the band had "1 percent talent." The group settled on Leonard Skinnerd in reference to "Leonard Skinner" in Alan Sherman's song "Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh." It was also in part of mocking their P.E. teacher Leonard Skinner at their high school. By 1969, they spelled it "Lynyrd Skynyrd." On October 20, 1977, their chartered airplane crashed, killing three members of the band, and seriously injuring the rest of the band. The plane left Greenville, SC heading for Baton Rouge, but had run out of fuel and crashed in Mississippi.

Madonna

Madonna Louise Ciccone (1958-) is best known as Madonna. She is nicknamed the "Queen of Pop." Her father was an engineer designer for Chrysler and General Motors in Pontiac, Michigan. She was a straight-A student in high school and a member of the cheerleading squad. She received a dance scholarship to the University of Michigan. In 1978, she dropped out of college and moved to New York City. Her first job in new York was working at Dunkin' Donuts. She is the best-selling female recording artist of all time. She is the most successful solo artist in the history of the U.S. Billboard Hot 100 chart. She holds the record for the most number-one singles by a female recording artist in 5 countries. She is the highest-grossing solo touring artist of all time.

Mamas & The Papas, The

This folk rock vocal group formed in Los Angeles in 1965. The group considered calling itself the Magic Cyrcle before switching to the Mamas & the Papas. They were inspired by the Hells

Angels, whose female associates were called "mamas." The group broke up in 1968, but was obligate to do one more album, which they did in 1971.

Mancini, Henry

Enrico Nicola Mancini (1924-1994) is better known as Henry Mancini, and American composer, conductor, arranger, and pianist. He is considered the greatest composer in the history of film. His father was a laborer at a steel company. In 1943, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Forces. In 1945, he helped liberate a concentration camp in Austria. After the military, he became an pianist and arranger for the Glenn Miller Orchestra. He contributed music to over 100 movies and recorded over 90 albums. In 1969, he arranged and recorded the love theme from Romeo and Juliet, which spent two weeks at the top of the Hot 100 charts. He died of pancreatic cancer in Los Angeles at age 70.

Manfred Mann

This was an English rock band formed in London in 1962 and lasting until 1969. They were first called the Mann-Hugg Blues Brothers. The group was named after their keyboardist Manfred Mann (1940-), whose real name was Manfred Sepse Lubowitz, born in South Africa. The band was the first southern-England-based group to top the US music charts during the British invasion.

Manilow, Barry

Barry Alan Pincus (1943-), better known as Barry Manilow, is an American singer-songwriter, conductor, and arranger. He took his surname from his mother, Edna Manilow. He entered the New York College of Music, and later studied at the Juilliard performing arts school. He worked at CBS while he was a student and earned money working as a pianist. His career spans 7 decades. He spent 4 years as a writer in the jingle industry. He is gay. In 2014, he married his manager after same-sex marriage became legal in California.

Marley, Bob

Robert Nesta Marley (1945-1981) was a Jamaican musician. He was one of the pioneers of reggae music. His band was called the Wailers. In 1976, he survived an assassination attempt in his home in Jamaica. After that, he moved to London. He died of skin cancer. He had 13 children from multiple women.

Marshall Tucker Band

This was a rock band from Spartanburg, SC, formed in 1972. The band's name referred to a blind piano tuner from Columbia, SC. Someone from the band noticed a warehouse door key with the name "Marshall Tucker" inscribed on it, so they selected that name. They key belonged to the blind piano player who had tuned the piano in the warehouse before the band came in to practice. The band helped establish the Southern rock genre in the early 1970s. Four of its band members served in the U.S. military. Toy Caldwell, the primary songwriter, was a marine and received a Purple Heart after being wounded in Vietnam.

Martin, Dean

Dino Paul Crocetti (1917-1995) was better known as Dean Martin. Is father was a barber in Ohio. He dropped out of school in the 10th grade. He bootlegged liquor, worked in a steel mill, was a blackjack dealer, and was a welterweight boxer. In New York, he called himself "Dino Martini" after the opera tenor Nino Martini. A bandleader suggested he change his name to Dean Martin. He was nicknamed "the King of Cool." He gained his career breakthrough when he teamed up with Jerry Lewis in 1946. They broke up in 1956. His song, "Everybody Loves Somebody" made it to No. 5 on the Hot 100 chart in 1964. A heavy smoker, he died of lung cancer on Christmas Day in 1995. He was married 3 times and had 7 children.

Marvelettes, The

This was an American girl group from 1960 to 1971. Previous to their stage name, they were called the Marvels. The president and founder of Motown suggested the name "The Marvelletes." Their song, "Please Mr. Postman," reached No.1 on the music charts, making them the first Motown act to have a chart-topper on the Hot 100.

May, Brian

Dr. Brian Harold May (1947-) is the lead guitarist of the rock band Queen. His father was a draftsman at the UK Ministry of Aviation. In 1968, he graduated from Imperial College London, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics with honors. After graduation, he worked at the Jodrell Bank Observatory while working on his doctorate in astrophysics. In 2007, he was awarded a PhD in astrophysics from Imperial College London. It took him 37 years to complete his PhD degree. May was a co-founder of Queen in 1970. From 2008 to 2013, he was Chancellor of Liverpool John Moores University. He was a science team collaborator with NASA's New Horizons Pluto mission. An asteroid is named after him.

Mayfield, Curtis

Curtis Lee Mayfield (1942-1999) was an American singer and songwriter. He dropped out of high school in Chicago in his second year. In 1990, he was paralyzed from the neck down when lighting equipment fell on him during a live performance at an outdoor concert in Brooklyn. He had 10 children from different relationships. He was married twice. He died from complications of type 2 diabetes at the age of 57 in Georgia.

McLean, Don

Donald McClean III (1945-) is an American singer-songwriter, best known for his hit song "American Pie." He briefly attended Villanova University, but dropped out after 4 months to pursue a music career. He later attended night school and received a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1968. He turned down a scholarship to Columbia University in fabor of being a singer=songwriter. In May 1971, he recorded "American Pie," inspired partly of the death of Buddy Holly in a plane crash in 1959. The song popularized the expression "The Day the Music Died" in reference to the plane crash. The song reach No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 in 1972. It is the longest song to reach No. 1, being 8.36 minutes long.

Meat Loaf

Marvin Lee Aday (1947-) is better known as Meat Loaf. He is an American singer and actor. In 1968, he went from Dallas to Los Angeles and formed his first band, Meat Loaf Soul, after a nickname coined by his football coach because of his weight. His first album, Bat Out of Hell, still sells 200,000 copies a year after 4 decades and stayed on the charts for over 9 years, making it one of the best-selling albums in history.

Mercury, Freddie

Freddie Mercury (1946-1991) was born Farrokh Bulsara in Zanzibar (now part of Tanzania). He attended English-style boarding schools in India. The family moved to England and Freddie graduated from college with a degree in graphic art and design. After college, he sold second-hand Edwardian clothes and scarves, then had a job as a baggage handler at Heathrow Airport. He is regarded as one of the greatest singers in the history of rock music. He died in 1991 at the age of 45 due to complications of AIDS.

Metallica

This American heavy metal band formed in 1981 in Los Angeles. They are one of the most commercially successful bands of all time, selling over 125 million albums. The band's name came from a friend of one of the band members who was brainstorming names for a fanzine. It was a choice between MetalMania or Metallica. The friend was told to pick MetalMania.

Midler, Bette

Bette Milder (1945-) is an American singer, songwriter, and actress. She was born in Honolulu. Her father worked at a Navy base in Hawaii as a painter, and also a housepainter. She was named after Bette Davis, though Davis pronounced her first name in 2 syllables, and Midler uses one syllable. She majored in drama at the University of Hawaii, but left after 3 semesters. She moved to New York and began singing at a gay bathhouse. She was in several off-off Broadway plays. In 1973, she earned a Grammy Award for Best New Artist. Her career spans 5 decades.

Miller, Roger

Roger Dean Miller (1936-1992) was an American singer-songwriter and actor. His father died when he was 1 year old. He grew up dirt poor, picking cotton and plowing. He stole a guitar, but turned himself in. He chose to enlist in the U.S. Army to avoid jail. He would say, "My education as Korea, Clash of '52." For awhile, he put aside his music career to be a fireman. His signature song was "King of the Road," recorded in 1965. He was married 3 times and father 8 children. He had problems with alcohol and drug abuse. He was a lifelong cigarette smoker. He died of lung and throat cancer at the age of 56.

Miracles, The

This group was also known as Smokey Robinson and the Miracles from 1965 to 1972. They were known as Motown's "soul supergroup." The group was first called the Five Chimes. They then called themselves the Matadors. In 1958, the group changed their name again to the Miracles, taking it from the moniker "Miracletones," with the "tones" taken out. In 1987, former Miracles lead singer Smokey Robinson was inducted to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame as a

solo artist, without his fellow Miracles. That caused a huge controversy and triggered cries of protest throughout the music industry.

Mitchell, Joni

Roberta Joan "Joni" Anderson Mitchell (1943-) was a Canadian singer-songwriter. Her father was a Royal Canadian Air Force officer who instructed new pilots. At age 9, she contracted polio. She dropped out of high school in her senior year, but later returned and graduated. In 1964, her boyfriend left her after she got pregnant and had to give up the baby for adoption. They were reunited in 1997. In 1965, she married Chuck Mitchell and took his surname. The two performed in Detroit at a coffee house called the Chess Mate.

Moody Blues, The

This was an English rock band formed in Birmingham in 1964. The name developed because the band members were interested in how music changes people's moods and the band was playing blues at the time. The band was earlier called "The MBs," after the Mitchells & Butlers brewery pub, a possible sponsor at the time.

Morrison, Jim

James Douglas Morrison (1943-1971) was the lead singer of the rock band the Doors. He was born in Melbourne, Florida. His father was a future rear admiral in the U.S. Navy. Admiral Morrison commanded US naval forces during the Gulf of Tonkin incident in 1964. Jim Morrison graduated with a bachelor's degree from UCLA's film school. He co-founded the Doors in 1965 in Venice, California. The Doors took their name from the title of Aldous Huxley's book *The Doors of Perception*. He was an alcoholic. In 1971 he died in Paris at age 27. He was found dead in his bathtub. The official cause of death was listed as heart failure. His death may have been due to an accidental heroin overdose.

Motley Crue

This is an American heavy metal band that formed in Los Angeles in 1981. The name came from an incident when one of the band members called the group "a motley looking crew." The spelling was modified and it went from "Mottley Cru," to "Motley Crue." During a 1982 Canadian tour, the band was arrested at the Edmonton airport for wearing their spiked stage wardrobe (considered "dangerous weapons"), and having a carry-on filled with porn magazines (considered "indecent material"). They phoned in their own bomb threat while performing and threw a TV set from the upper floor of their hotel. They were banned for life from Edmonton.

Motown Records

This was a black record label company founded originally in Detroit in 1959. They were responsible for the Motown sound, a style of soul music. It was the most successful soul music label. Smokey Robinson and the Miracles recorded "Shop Around," which became Motown's first million-seller. During the 1960s, they had 79 records in the top-ten hits list. Following the Detroit Riots of 1967, they moved their headquarters to Los Angeles.

MTV

MTV was originally an initialism of Music Television. It was an American cable channel launched in 1981. A footage of the first Space Shuttle launch countdown was used as an intro. It was pulled in early 1986 after the Challenger disaster. They wanted to use Neil Armstrong's "One small step" quote, but Armstrong refused to give them permission. The quote was replaced with a beeping sound.

Muddy Waters

McKinley Morganfield (1913-1983) was known as Muddy Waters. His grandmother gave him the nickname of "Muddy Waters" at an early age because he loved to play in the muddy waters in a creek in Mississippi. He has been cites as the "father of modern Chicago blues." He left Mississippi and moved to Chicago where he drove a truck and worked in a factory by day, and performing at night.

Nelson, Ricky

Eric Hilliard Nelson (1940-1985) was known as Ricky Nelson. From age 8 he starred alongside his family in the radio and TV series *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet*. The expression "teen idol" was first coined to describe Nelson. At Hollywood High School, he played football and was on their tennis team. At age 13, Ricky was making over \$100,000 a year. At 16, he was worth over \$500,000 (about \$4.8 million in today's currency). From 1957 to 1962, Nelson had more hits than any other artist except for Elvis Presley and Pat Boone. On December 31, 1985, he died in a plane crash outside De Kalb, Texas. He was flying from Guntersville, Alabama to Dallas, Texas, for a concert. All 7 passengers died. Only the two pilots survived.

New wave music

This is a broad music genre of different pop-oriented styles that started in the late 1970s. It is used as a catch-all for the music that emerged after punk rock. It usually incorporated electronic sounds. MTV helped popularized this genre.

Newton, Wayne

Carson Wayne Newton (1942-) is an American singer and actor and one of the best-known entertainers in Las Vegas. From 1959 to 1994, he performed over 25,000 solo shows. He has performed over 30,000 shows in Las Vegas. In 1992, he filed for bankruptcy with an estimated \$20 million in debts. In 2005, the IRS filed a lawsuit against Newton, alleging that he owned more than \$1.8 million in taxes and penalties.

Newton-John, Olivia

Dame Olivia Newton-John (1948-) is a British-Australian singer, songwriter, and actress. She was born in Cambridge, England. Her Jewish maternal grandfather was the Nobel Prize-winning physicist Max Born. Her father was an MI5 officer on the Enigma project during World War II. He was the one that took Rudolf Hess into custody during the war. In 1954, they moved to Australia where her father was a professor of German. She is an advocate of medical cannabis. Her daughter owns a cannabis farm in Oregon.

Nilsson, Harry

Harry Edward Nilsson III (1941-1994) was an American singer-songwriter. He was born in Brooklyn. His father abandoned the family when Nilsson was 3 years old. He dropped out of school in the 9th grade. He moved to Los Angeles where he worked as a computer programmer at a bank at night, and pursued his songwriting and singing career in the daytime. He was one of the few artists that had success without ever performing major public concerts or undertaking regular tours. In 1973, he and John Lennon were kicked out of a nightclub for drunken heckling of the Smothers Brothers. Both Mama Cass Elliot and the Who drummer Keith Moon both died in his London apartment. He died of a heart attack at the age of 52.

Nirvana

This was an American rock band from 1987 to 1994, formed in Aberdeen, Washington. It was founded by lead singer and guitarist Kurt Cobain and bassist Krist Novoselic. The band name was suggested by Cobain because he wanted a name that was beautiful or nice and pretty. The band is credited with bringing alternative rock to the mainstream. Nirvana disbanded after Cobain's suicide in April 1994.

Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

This is an American country rock band formed in 1966 in Long Beach, California. From 1976 to 1981 the band was called the Dirt Band.

O'Jays, The

This was an American R&B group from Canton, Ohio, formed in 1958. They took their name in tribute to Cleveland radio disc jockey Eddie O'Jay. Their best hit songs were "Back Stabbers" and "Love Train."

Orbison, Roy

Roy Kelton Orbison (1936-1988) was an American musician. He was nicknamed "the Caruso of Rock" and "the Big O." He wore dark sunglasses to counter his shyness and stage fright. His father was an oil well driller and car mechanic. His mother was a nurse. They family moved to Dallas as his father looked for work in the aircraft factories. In 1966, his wife died instantly after her motorcycle hit the door of a pickup truck which had pulled out in front of her. In 1968, while he was on tour in England, his home in Tennessee burned down, and his two eldest sons died. In 1988, he died of a heart attack in Ohio.

Orlando, Tony

Michael Anthony Orlando Cassavitis (1944-) is an American singer, songwriter, and music executive. In 1969, he sang lead vocals on a song called "Candida" as a favor for two producer friends. If the record failed, Orlando did not want to affect his reputation as vice president of Columbia/CBS Music, so he used a pseudonym and called himself Dawn. Dawn was the middle name of the daughter of a records executive. When "Candida" became a success in 1970, he got four session singers to form the group Dawn and go on tour with him. Orlando then discovered that there were already 6 touring groups using the name Dawn, son Dawn became "Dawn featuring Tony Orlando," which changed to Tony Orlando and Dawn in 1973. The group had 20 top 40 tracks, including "Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree," which was the

top selling hit of 1973. Orlando was briefly addicted to cocaine, and battled obesity and depression. He later had a breakdown and retired from singing. He was briefly institutionalized. His career in the music industry has spanned over 60 years.

Osmonds, The

The Osmonds are an American family music group from Ogden, Utah. George Virl Osmond, Sr. and Olive Osmond, Mormon members, had 9 children and 55 grandchildren. The Osmond Brothers' careers began in 1958. In 1962, the Osmonds were performing at Disneyland. They became regulars on the Andy Williams show from 1962 to 1969. In February 1971, they recorded "One Bad Apple," which made it to the No. 1 spot on the pop chart. It stayed No. 1 for 5 weeks. Their peak years were from 1971 to 1975.

Page, Jimmy

James Patrick Page (1944-) is an English guitarist and founder of the rock band Led Zeppelin. He was a member of the Yardbirds from 1966 to 1968. He founded Led Zeppelin, which was active from 1968 to 1980. In the early 1970s, he owned an occult bookshop and publishing house. For awhile, he was addicted to heroin. He was arrested for possession of cocaine in 1982 and 1984. He is considered the third best guitarist in the world, behind Jimi Hendrix and Eric Clapton.

Page, Patti

Clara Ann Fowler (1927-2013) was known as Patti Page. She was born into a poor family of 11 children. She started out as a singer for a 15-minute radio program sponsored by the Page Milk Company. As a nod to the show's sponsor, she was referred to on air as "Patti Page." She was the top-charting female vocalist and best-selling female artist of the 1950s. Her career lasted 6 decades. Her song, "Tennessee Waltz," is the official song of the state of Tennessee.

Palmer, Earl

Earl Cyril Palmer (1924-2008) was an American drummer and one of the inventors of Rock and Roll. He was one of the most prolific studio musicians of all time. He served in the US Army during World War II, loading and handling ammunition. He was the first to use the word "funky," to explain to other musicians that their music should be more danceable. He played drums for Little Richard, Fats Comino, Sam Cooke, Eddie, Cochran, Ritchie Valens, Phil Spector, and many others. He was married 4 times and had 7 children.

Parker, Tom

Andreas Cornelis van Kuijk (1909-1997) was better known as Colonel Thomas "Tom" Andrew Parker. He was a musical entrepreneur who was the manager of Elvis Presley. He was born in the Netherlands, the 7th of 11 children. He came to the US at age 20 and worked in carnivals, selling tickets and packing the crowd. He enlisted in the U.S. Army, taking the name "Tom Parker" from the same name as the officer who interviewed him. This was to disguise the fact that he was an illegal immigrant. He never did become a U.S. citizen. After a few years, he went AWOL and was charged with desertion. He spent two months in a mental hospital and was discharged from the Army because of his mental condition. In 1948, he received the honorary

rank of colonel in the Louisiana State Militia in return for working on the governor's election campaign. In 1955, he discovered the then-unknown Elvis Presley. Parker had a bad gambling habit. When Presley did, Parker owed the Las Vegas Hilton over \$30 million (\$129 million in today's currency). He probably lost over \$90 million in gambling. He died of a stroke in Las Vegas at age 87.

Paul, Les

Lester William Polsfuss (1915-2009), known as Les Paul, was an American jazz, country, and blues guitarist. He dropped out of high school to pursue a music career. He was one of the pioneers of the solid-body electric guitar. In 1941, while jamming in his apartment basement, he almost died to electrocution while working on his electric guitar. It took him 2 years to recuperate. He never legally changed his name, and took the stage name Les Paul. He is the only person in both the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

Perkins, Carl

Carl Lee Perkins (1932-1998) was an American singer-songwriter. He was a son of poor sharecroppers in Tennessee. He was called "the king of Rockabilly." In 1955, he wrote "Blue Suede Shoes" after seeing a dancer get angry with his date for scuffing up his shoes. It was the only No.1 success he would have. "Blue Suede Shoes" was the first record to top the R&B, country, and pop charts all at the same time. Unfortunately, Perkins suffered a serious car accident, which hampered his music career.

Peter, Paul and Mary

This folk group formed in New York City in 1961 during the American folk music revival phenomenon. The group consisted of Peter Yarrow, Noel Paul Stookey, and Mary Travers. The group broke up in 1970 to pursue solo careers. In 1970, Yarrow was convicted of make sexual advances toward a 14-year-old girl. Years later, he received a presidential pardon from President Billy Carter. In 2009, Mary Travers died at age 72 from leukemia.

Petty, Tom

Thomas Earl Petty (1950-2017) was an American singer and songwriter. He was the lead vocalist and guitarist of *Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers*, formed in 1976. In the lated 1980s, he was a member of the Traveling Wilburys. After high school, he worked briefly as a gravedigger and worked on the grounds crew of the University of Florida, but he never attened as a student. In 1987, an arsonist set fire to Petty's house, which burned down. The arsonist was never caught. He was a heroin addict. He died of an accidental drug overdose on October 2, 2017 in Santa Monica.

Phillips, Sam

Samuel Cornelius Phillips (1923-2003) was an American record producer. He was the founder of Sun Records. He was the youngest of 8 children. He picked cotton with his parents in Alabama alongside black laborers. He wanted to become a criminal defense attorney, but had to leave high school to support his family when his father died. He worked in a grocery store and then a funeral parlor. He recorded perhaps the first rock and roll record, "Rocket 88." By Jackie

Brenston and his Delta Cats. The band was led by 19-year-old Ike Turner. The record was released in 1951 by Chess Records in Chicago. In 1952, he started Sun Record Company in Memphis. He advertised "We record anything – anywhere- anytime." It produced more rockand-roll records than any other record label of its time during it 16-year run, producing 226 singles. He was the first non-performer to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Phish

This is an American rock band formed in Burlington, Vermont, in 1983. The origin of the name was a variation on phshhh, the sound of a brush on a snare drum or the sound of an airplane taking off. The group was among the first musical acts to utilize the Internet to grow their fanbase.

Pickett, Wilson

Wilson Pickett (1941-2006) was an American singer and songwriter. He was the 4th of 11 children. He was addicted to alcohol and cocaine, with several run-ins with the law. In 1992, he struck and 86-year-old pedestrian while driving drunk. The pedestrian later died. A week after this incident, his girlfriend charged him with threatening to have her killed and throwing a vodka bottle at her. In 1996, he was arrested for assaulting his girlfriend while under the influence of cocaine.

Pink Floyd

Pink Floyd were an English rock band formed in London in 1964. Their live shows introduced the use of light shows. The band is cited by some as the greatest progressive rock band of all time. They have sold more than 250 million records worldwide and 38 million albums in the United States. The original band name was Sigma 6, followed by Tea Set. Another band was called the Tea Set, so the name was changed to Pink Floyd, derived from two blues musicians Pink Anderson and Floyd Council.

Platters, The

This was an American vocal group formed in 1952 in Los Angeles. The group name was inspired by the "turntable" of an old phonograph machine and the "platter" that spun the vinyl records while the group was sitting around a kitchen table. The group had difficulties with the public after 1959 when the 4 male back members were arrested in Cincinnati on drug and prostitution charges. Radio stations started removing their records from playlists, forcing the group to go to Europe.

Police, The

This was an English rock band formed in 1977 in London. Its primary songwriter was Sting (Gordon Sumner). The name "Police" was sort of a reference to drummer Stewart Copeland's father, who was a CIA official. It was a provocative name in its time that capitalized on the everyday brawls that broke out between punks and law enforcement. A regular police presence in the streets of London meant free marketing for the band. They were among the most commercially successful British bands of the early 1980s. The Police disbanded in 1986, but reunited in 2007 for one world tour that ended in August 2008.

Presley, Elvis

Elvis Aaron Presley (1935-1977) had 100 *Top 40* songs during his lifetime. He had 18 number one songs. He was dubbed the "King of Rock and Roll." In school, he was given a C in music and his music teacher told him that he had no aptitude for singing. Presley could not read music and played by ear. He had no formal music training. After high school, he failed an audition for a local vocal quartet and was told he couldn't sing. In 1953 he became a truck driver for Crown Electric Company and drove a gravel truck. In 1954, he first recorded "That's Alright (Mama)" and "Blue Moon of Kentucky" for Sam Phillips and Sun Records in Memphis. Presley's RCA Victor single "Heartbreak Hotel" was released in January 1956 and became a number-one hit. Within one year, RCA sold 10 million Presley singles. In 1973, he gave the first concert by a solo artist to be broadcast around the world, *Aloha from Hawaii*.

Preston, Billy

William Everett Preston (1946-2006) was an American musician. He was noted as a child prodigy who was entirely self-taught and never had a music lesson. He was a top session keyboardist in the 1960s. He worked many years with the Beatles and is sometimes referred to as the "Fifth Beatle." He was gay. He was addicted to drugs and alcohol and arrested many times. In 1998, he was indicted for a \$1 million insurance fraud scheme after setting fire to hos own home in Los Angeles. He suffered from kidney disease and received a kidney transplant in 2002. He died of respiratory failure at the age of 59.

Preston, Johnny

John Preston Courville (1939-2011) was an American pop singer. He is best known for his 1960 hit song "Running Bear." The song was written by J. P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson. The song was released after the Big Bopper's death in the same plane crash that killed Buddy Holly and Ritchie Valens. The song reached number one on the Billboard Hot 100 in January 1960, and remained there for 3 weeks. It was #1 in the UK in March 1960. He died of heart failure in Texas at the age of 71.

Pretenders, The

This is a British-American rock band formed in 1978. The band was named by lead vocals Chrissie Hynde after the Platters song "The Great Pretender." It had been the favorite song of her boyfriend. In 1982, one of the band members died of cocaine intolerance. In 1983, another band member drowned in his bathtub after taking heroin.

Prince

Prince Rogers Nelson (1958-2016) was an American singer-songwriter and musician. He was born in Minneapolis, the son of a jazz singer. In a midst of a contractual dispute in 1993, he changed his name to an unpronounceable symbol and was referred to as The Artist Formerly Known as Prince. By 2000, he changed back to calling himself Prince. He was named after his father's best known stage name, Prince Rogers. Prince did not like his name and told people to call him Skipper, a name which stuck throughout his childhood. He was an epileptic and had

seizures when he was young. He died of an accidental overdose of fentanyl. His etate went to his sister and five half-siblings, although 700 people claimed to be his half-siblings

Public Enemy

This is an American hip hop group formed in 1985 on Long Island. They called themselves Public enemy because they felt like they were being persecuted by people in the local scene. Public Enemy was one of the first hip-hop groups to do well internationally. They were one of the first groups to release MP-3 only albums, a format virtually unknown at the time.

Punk rock

This is a music genre that emerged in the mid-1970s. They were short, fast-paced songs with hard-edged melodies and singing styles with stripped down instrumentation.

Quarrymen, The

This was a British rock and roll group formed by John Lennon in 1856, which evolved into the Beatles in 1960. The name came from a line in their school song at Quarry Bank High School. The line was, "Quarrymen, old before our birth. Straining each muscle and sinew." The band was originally called the Blackjacks. The group did not like the name, and by March 1960, John Lennon came up with a new name called the Beatles."

Queen

This is a British rock band formed in London in 1970. Freddie Mercury suggested the name as people would love it. Freddie Mercury's real name was Freddie Bulsara of Indian Parsi descent. He changed his name to Mercury, inspired by the line "Mother Mercury, look what they've done to me" in the song "My Fairy King." By the early 1980s, Queen was one of the biggest stadium rock bands in the world. In 2002, Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" was voted the UK's favorite record hit of all time.

Ramones

They were an American punk rock band from 1974 to 1996. The band met in Forest Hills in the New York borough of Queens. The name "Ramones" was inspired by Paul McCartney calling himself Paul Ramon during the Silver Beetled days. All the band members adopted the surname "Ramone," although none of them were related. Douglas Colvin changed his name to Dee Dee Ramone. The Ramones performed 2,263 concerts, touring virtually nonstop for 22 years.

Rare Earth

Rare Earth is an American rock band that was formed in Detroit in 1960. They were previously called The Sunliners and changed their name to Rare Earth in 1968. The band felt that the new name was more in keeping with the names of other bands, such as Iron Butterfly. They were one of the first all-white bands to sign for Motown Records. There biggest hit was "Get Ready" in 1970, which peaked at No. 4 on the Top 100 chart.

Rascals, The

The Rascals were initially known as The Young Rascals. They formed in New Jersey in 1965. The group came up with the name "Rascals" at the Choo Choo Club in Garfield, NJ. Because all of the members were under 25, and another group was called the Harmonica Rascals, their manager renamed the group "The Young Rascals." They were the first white-only act to be signed with Atlantic Records, a label which only had black artists.

Rawls, Lou

Louis Allen Rawls (1933- 2006) was an American singer and composer. In 1955, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division. He made 26 jumps. After he left the army, while traveling with a band called the Travelers, he was in a car crash and was pronounced dead. He was rushed to the hospital where he was in a coma for five and a half days. He lost his memory and spent a year recuperating. His most notable song was "You'll Never Find Another Love Like Me." He died of lung cancer.

RCA

In 1949, the Radio Corporation of America (RCA) Victor company, founded in 1929, introduced the inexpensive 7-inch, 45-rpm record, immediately following the invention of "vinyl" plastic. The 45 rpm speed was the only one to be decided by a precise optimization procedure. This allowed youths to purchase the latest hits and dominated rock sales until the 1960s. RCA also introduced a cheap plastic record player, which played only 45s and sold for \$12.95. In the 1960s, the long play, 12-inch, 33 1/3-rpm LP (Long Play) record was introduced.

Red Hot Chili Peppers

This is an American rock band formed in Los Angeles in 1983. They are the most successful band in the history of alternative rock. With the most number-one singles (13), the most cumulative weeks at number one (85), and the most top-ten songs (25). The band name came from the nickname for Louis Armstrong's 1920s jazz quintet. Over the years, several of the band members have been accused of sexual misconduct, indecent exposure, and sexual battery.

Redding, Otis

Otis Ray Redding Jr (1941-1967) was an American singer and songwriter. His father was a sharecropper and then worked at Robins AFB in Georgia. He left school at age 15 and worked as a well digger, as a gasoline station attendant and occasionally as a musician. He is considered one of the greatest singers in the history of American popular music. He and several members of his band died in a plane crash, crashing into a lake in Wisconsin. His song "(Sittin' On) The Dock of the Bay," was the first posthumous number-one record.

Reddy, Helen

Helen Maxine Reddy (1941-2020) was an Australian-American singer and songwriter. She was born in Melbourne, Australia to a show-business family. Her father was a sergeant in the Australian Army. In 1969, she enrolled at UCLA to study psychology and philosophy. Her signature song was "I Am Woman," released in May 1971. It reached No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. She was the world's biggest selling female vocalist for two consecutive years. She

retired from live performance in 2002 and returned to Australia and practiced as a clinical hypnotherapist. In her later years, she suffered from Addison's disease and dementia.

Reed, Jerry

Jerry Reed Hubbard (1937-2008) was an American country music singer and actor. He spent 7 years in foster homes or orphanages. He was reunited with his mother and stepfather in 1944. He spent 2 years in the US Army. He was a heavy smoker and died from emphysema at the age of 71.

Reeves, Jim

James Travis Reeves (1923-1964) was an American country and popular singer-songwriter. He was known as "Gentleman Jim." He was the youngest of 8 children, born in Texas. He quit college to work in the shipyards of Houston. He played baseball in the minor leagues as a pitcher until he got injured. He was 4-F during World War II and began as a radio announcer. He toured other countries singing country music and helped to give country music a worldwide market for the first time. He died in a crash of his private airplane after getting caught in a thunderstorm and stalling the plane.

R.E.M.

This was an American rock band from Athens, Georgia from 1980 to 2011. The band name was selected at random from a dictionary. In 1996, R.E.M. was re-signed with Warner Bros. for \$80 million. At the time it was the most expensive recording contract ever. The band members were all students at the University of Georgia. They all dropped out of college to devote themselves to the band.

REO Speedwagon

This is an American rock band from Champaign, Illinois. The band's name is from the REO Speed Wagon, a 1915 truck that sold for \$445. The name was written across the blackboard at the University of Illinois in a History of Transportation class that one of the band members was taking at the time. There best-selling album is *Hi Infidelity*, release in 1980.

Revere, Paul

Paul Revere Dick (1938-2014) was an American musician, better known as Paul Revere. He was the leader of the band Paul Revere & the Raiders. He grew up in Idaho, went to barber college, and opened up a barbershop and drive-in restaurant in Idaho. When he was drafted for military service, he became a conscientious objector and worked as a cook at a mental institution. His band was originally called the Downbeats. Company executives did not like the band's name and they took their name as an embellishment from Paul Revere's name. Paul had the band dress in Revolutionary War uniforms to give them a distinctive look. They were the house band for several TV shows. He died of cancer at age 76.

Rhythm and blues

This was a catchall term, coined by Atlantic Records producer and music journalist Jerry Wexler (1917-2008) when he was writing for *Billboard* magazine in 1948. The term was used in

Billboard as early as 1943, which replace the term "race music." It is often abbreviated R&B. R&B in its early days referred to any sort of music made by and for black Americans. "Rock and roll" was black slang for having sex.

Righteous Brothers, The

This is an American duo originally formed by Bill Medley and Bobby Hatfield. They were originally part of a five-member group called the Paramours. They adopted the name The Righteous Brothers when they left the group and began their recording career as a duo. They adopted the name because black Marines started calling them "righteous brothers" at the end of their duo performance. In 2003, Bobby Hatfield was found dead in his hotel room due to heart failure brought on by cocaine.

Rivers, Johnny

John Henry Ramistella (1942-) is better known as Johnny Rivers. He is an American musician and singer. On a trip to New York City in 1958, he met Alan Freed. Freed advised him to change his name to "Johnny Rivers" after the Mississippi River that flowed through Johnny's home town of Baton Rouge. One of is best hits was "Secret Agent Man." It was for a theme song of a British TV series called Danger Man, starring Patrick McGoohan. It reached #3 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart in 1966.

Robinson, Smokey

William "Smokey" Robinson Jr (1940-) is an American singer, songwriter, and record producer. His uncle gave him the nickname "Smokey Joe" when he was a child. It was a cowboy name. Robinson was the founder and front man of the Miracles. The Miracles were originally called "the five Chimes." He married a fellow Miracles member, Claudette Rogers in 1959. He had a son from another woman during his marriage to Claudette. Smokey and Claudette were divorced in 1986. In December 2020, he almost died of COVID-19. He was in a Los Angeles hospital for 11 days.

Rock 'n Roll

The term was first coined in 1951 by a Cleveland radio DJ named Alan Freed (1921-1965). He may have found the term, used as a synonym for sexual intercourse, on the record "Sixty Minute Man" by Billy Ward and his Dominoes. The lyrics include the line, "I rock 'em, roll 'em all night long." In 1946, rhythm-and-blues bandleader Joe Liggins (1916-1987) performed "Sugar Lump." It was called "right rhythmic rock and roll music" in *Billboard* magazine. It was the first known use of the phrase "rock and roll" in print.

Rock Around the Clock

This was the first rock song to become world-famous. Its best known version was recorded by Bill Haley & His Comets in 1954. It was a number one single for two months. The original title of the song was "We're Gonna Rock Around the Clock Tonight." Haley almost failed to record the song because the band was traveling on a ferry that got stuck on a sandbar en route from New York to Philadelphia at Decca Records.

Rocket 88

"Rocket 88" is a rhythm and blues song that was recorded in Memphis by Sam C. Phillips in March 1951. The song was licensed to Chess Records in Chicago for release. The recording was credited to "Jackie Brenston and his Delta Cats." This was really Ike Turner and his Kings of Rhythm. Brenston was Ike Turner's saxophonist in his band. Brenston sang the lead vocal while turner led the band and composed the song. The single reached number-one on the *Billboard* R&B chart. Many consider this to be the first rock and roll record. The song was based on the 1947 song "Cadillac Boogie."

Rolling Stones

The rock band was formed in London in 1962. The group was named after a Muddy Waters track on an LP, the track being call "Rollin' Stone." The band's name was changed shortly after their first gig to The Rolling Stones. Their original name was the Rollin' Stone. They have sold over 200 million records. The band has performed more than 2,000 concerts around the world. Bassist Bill Wyman's father was a bricklayer. Drummer Charlie Watts (1941-2021) came from a working class family. His father was a truck driver. Keith Richards attended art school. Brian Jones grew up in a cultured and musical family. Mick Jagger was a student at the London School of Economics.

Ronettes, The

This was an American girl group from Spanish Harlem, New York. It was formed by lead singer Veronica "Ronny" Bennett, who later married Phil Spector, along with her sister and cousin. They were first known as the Darling Sisters. In 1988, the original Ronettes filed a lawsit in New York against Phil Spector over unpaid royalties and for unpaid income. It took the case a decade to make its way to trial. In 2000, Spector was ordered to they the group more than \$2.6 million. Spector ended up paying back only \$1.5 million to the Ronettes.

Ross, Diana

Diana Ross (1944-) is an American singer and songwriter from Detroit. She was the secondeldest of 7 children. She wanted to be a fashion designer and lived next door to Smokey Robinson. She took modeling and cosmetology classes. The original name of the Supremes was the Primettes, in which Ross was the lead vocalist. The group was given a list of names to pick and they chose "Supremes" because it was the only name that did not end with "ette." Diana Ross and the Supremes were the most successful act for Motown in the 1960s. They are the best-charting female group in history. Ross is the only female artist to have number one singles as a solo artist, as the other have of a duet (with Lionel Ritchie), as a member of a trio (the Supremes), and as an ensemble member ("We Are the World" by USA for Africa).

Roth, David Lee

David Lee Roth (1954) was the lead singer for Van Halen. In 2006, Roth rejoined Van Halen for a North American tour that became the highest-grossing in the band's history. His father was an ophthalmologist (eye doctor). Before joining Van Halen, he worked as a hospital orderly. He has never married. He is a state-licensed emergency medical technician and has made over 200 911 calls.

Rotten, Johnny

John Joseph Lydon (1956-) is also known by his stage name Johnny Rotten. He holds US and Irish citizenship. He was kicked out of school at age 15. He was the lead singer of the Sex Pistols, which lasted from 1975 to 1978. H was given the name in the mid-1970s, when the lack of oral hygene led to his teeth getting rotten and turning green. He became a U.S. citizen in 2013.

Run-D.M.C.

This was an American hip hop group from the Queens, New York City, active from 1983 to 2002. The group was named after the car company, Delorean Motor Company 'DMC." The group pioneered new school hip hop music. They were the first hip hop group to achieve a Gold record. They were the first rap act to chart in the Top 40 more than once. They were the first hip hop act to make a video appearance on MTV, and the first to perform at a major arena.

Rydell, Bobby

Robert Louis Ridarelli (1942-) is better known as Bobby Rydell. He was a rock and roll singer. His most well-known songs were "Wild One" in 1960 and "Volare" in the summer of 1960. His father was a foreman at the Electro-Nite Carbon Company and later resigned to be his son's manager. In 2012, he had a liver and kidney transplant. Six months later, he returned to the Las Vegas stage to a sold out audience,

Sam the Sham

Domingo "Sam" Samudio (1937-) is better known as Sam the Sham. He was the front man for the Pharaohs. His most famous songs are "Wooly Bully" and "Li'l Red Riding Hood." After high school, he joined the Navy for 6 years. In 1961, he formed The Pharaohs, inspired from the costumes in Yul Brynner's portrayal as pharaoh in the 1956 file *The Ten Commandments*. He took the name Sam the Sham from a joke about his inability to sing. In 1965, "Wooly Bully" had the most weeks (18) for any single on the Hot 100 list.

Santana

Carlos Humberto Santana Barragan (1947-) is a Mexican and American guitarist. His band is called Santana Blues Band. He was born in Mexico and learned how to play the guitar at age 8. His father was a mariachi musician. He dropped out of high school in San Francisco in 1965. He worked for several years as a dishwasher and did street performances. He became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1965. Over a career spanning 50 years, he has made 25 studio albums, 7 live albums, 61 singles, and 23 compilation albums.

Seals and Crofts

Seals and Crofts were an American rock duo made up of Jim Seals (1941-) and Darrell Crofts (1940-). In 1973, they released an album called *Unborn Child*. It was written after Roe v. Wade in 1973. Seals & Crofts expressed their anti-abortion position in the title song. Some radio stations banned it while others played it repeatedly. Both members have been public advocates

of the Baha I Faith. Their best known songs are "Summer Breeze" (1972), Diamond Girl" (1973), and "Get Closer" (1976).

Searchers, The

The Searchers were an English Merseybeat group from 1959 to 2019. The band took their name from the 1956 John Ford western film *The Searchers*. They were the second group from Liverpool, after the Beatles, to have a hit in the U.S.

Sedaka, Neil

Neil Sedaka (1939-) is an American pop singer and composer. His father was a taxi driver in New York City. Neil has written over 500 songs for himself and others. In 1966, he was to represent the USA at the 1966 Tchaikovsky classical piano competition in Moscow. The USSR outlawed rock and roll music. Despite Sedaka's classical training, the USSR disqualified him from entering the competition because he was a pop star.

Sex Pistols

This group was an English punk rock band formed in 1975 in London. The band's name derived from the idea of a pistol and a pin-up model. The initial career lasted only 2 and a half years. They were responsible for the punk movement in England. Their 1977 song "God Save the Queen" was banned by the BBC and nearly every independent radio station. It was the most heavily censored record in British history. Its original title was "No Future," but was changed to coincide with Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee celebrations.

Sha Na Na

This is an American rock and roll doo-wop group formed in 1969. Most of their songs are bases on 1950s hit songs. The group's name is taken from a series of nonsense syllables, "Sha Na Na" in the song "Get a Job," recorded by the Silhouettes in 1957. They were previously called the Columbia Kingsmen that performed at Columbia University. However, they had to change their name when they discovered another group called the Kingsmen was active in the Pacific Northwest and had recorded the 1963 hit "Louie Louie." Jimi Hendrix liked the group and recommended that the band perform at Woodstock in 1969.

Shangri-Las, The

This was an American pop girl group, active from 1963 to 1968. Their most famous song was "leader of the Pack." The group's name came from a Queens, New York restaurant called the Shangri-La Express. In later years, the girls were in trouble from the law, from gun-running charges to alleged kidnapping. One of the members, Mary Ann Ganser, had problems with drug and alcohol addiction. She died in Queens at the age of 22 from a drug overdose.

Shannon, Del

Charles Weedon Westover (1934-1990) was better known as Del Shannon. He was an American rock and roll country musician, singer and songwriter. He is best known for his 1961 No. 1 hit "Runaway." He was drafted into the Army in 1954. After the army, he worked as a carpet salesman and a truck driver. His stage name "Del Shannon" was a combination of Mark

Shannon (a wrestler) and Del, derived from the Cadillac Coupe de Ville, his favorite car. In 1963, he became the first American to record a cover version of a song by the Beatles. Shannon's version of "From Me to You" charted in the U.S. before the Beatles' version. He suffered from depression. In 1990, he died of a gunshot wound from suicide at his home in California.

Shaw, Artie

Arthur Jacob Arshawsky (1910-2004) is better known as Artie Shaw. He was an American clarinetist, composer, and bandleader. His father was a dressmaker and photographer. He is considered one of jazz's finest clarinetists. He served in the US navy from 1942 to 1944, leading a band that toured the South Pacific. He was married 8 times, including with actress Lana Turner in 1940 and actress Ava Gardner in 1945-46. He also dated Betty Grable and Judy Garland, and had an affair with Lena Horne.

Shirelles, The

This was an American girl group formed in New Jersey in 157 and stayed active until 1982. Their original name was the Poquellos. The Shirelles was a combination of the first syllable of the cofounder, Shirley Owens, and —el, reminiscent of the then-popular group the Chantels. The group is credited with launching the girl group genre. There song, "Will You Love Me Tomorrow," was written by a white husband-wife team (Gerry Goffin and Carole King), produced by a black man, with vocals of black women and strings targeted to a white audience. The song went on to become the first number-one hit by a black girl group and the first by a girl group when it was release in 1960.

Simmons, Gene

Gene Simmons, born Chaim Witz (1949-) is the bassist and co-lead singer of Kiss. His nickname is The Demon. He was born in Haifa, Israel to Jewish immigrants from Hungary. His mother survived internment in Nazi concentration camps. She and her brother were the only two members of the family that survived the Holocaust. Gene grew up dirt poor and picked wild fruit and sold it on roadsides to survive. At age 8, his family moved the United States. He chose his stage name in tribute to the rockabilly singer Jumpin' Gene Simmons. His painted face on stage came from a comic book character called Black Bolt.

Simon & Garfunkel

They were an American rock-folk duo, Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel. They were first known as Tom & Jerry. They first recorded in 1956, and then broke up in 1970. Paul Simon majored in English at Queens College and graduated in 1963. He studied at Brooklyn Law School, but dropped out after one semester to focus on music. Art Garfunkel majored in architecture at Columbia University and earned a BA in art history in 1965. He then earned an MA in mathematics at Columbia University. He was working on his doctorate in mathematics before he dropped out after Simon & Garfunkel's commercial success. In the late 1960s, they were the biggest rock duo in the world.

Simon, Carly

Carly Elisabeth Simon (1945-) is an American singer and songwriter. Her father was the cofounder of Simon & Schuster and a classical pianist. She dropped out of college to pursue music. In 1973, she recorded "You're So Vain," which reached No. 1. Years later, she revealed that the name of the subject was Warren Beatty. With her 1988 hit "Let the River run," from the movie *Working Girl*, she became the first artist to win a Grammy Award, an Academy Award, and a Golden Globe Award for a song composed and written entirely by a single artist. She was married to James Taylor from 1972 to 1983.

Sinatra, Frank

Francis "Frank" Albert Sinatra (1915-1998) was an American singer and actor. He is one of the greatest musical artists of the 20th century. He was delivered at birth with the aid of forceps that perforated his eardrum – damage that remained for life. His mother ran an illegal abortion service. Her nickname was "Hatpin Dolly." His illiterate father was a boxer, and then he worked for 24 years at the Hoboken Fire Department. Frank was expelled from high school for rowdiness and never graduated. He started out as a newspaper delivery boy, and then a riveter at a shipyard. Frank never learned how to read music. His nickname was "OI' Blue Eyes." He was investigated by the FBI for his alleged relationship with the Mafia. Testifying before Congress in 1958, Sinatra called rock and roll "the most brutal, ugly, desperate, vicious form of expression it has been my misfortune to hear." The night Sinatra died, the lights of the Empire State Building were turned blue, the lights at the Las Vegas Strip was dimmed in his honor, and the casinos stopped spinning for one minute.

Sinatra, Nancy

Nancy Sandra Sinatra (1940-) was the eldest daughter of Frank Sinatra and Nancy Barbato, and is best known for her 1966 hit, "These Boots Are Made for Walkin'." The song was inspired by a line from Robert Aldrich's 1963 western comedy 4 for Texas, starring her father and Dean Martin. Her song was adopted by many soldiers in Vietnam as their anthem. She attended UCLA, but dropped out after one year.

Slash

Saul Hudson (1965-), better known as Slash, is the lead guitarist of Guns N' Roses. He was given the nickname "Slash" by actor Seymour Cassel because he was "always in a hurry, zipping around from one thing to another." He is considered one of the greatest guitarists in history. He own over 100 guitars, worth about \$2 million. He is a dual citizen of the UK and the U.S. He was born in Britain and became a U.S. citizen in 1996. At age 35, he was diagnosed with a form of congestive heart failure caused by drug and alcohol abuse. He was given 6 weeks to live, but survived after a defibrillator was implanted in his chest.

Sledge, Percy

Percy Tyrone Sledge (1940-2015) was an American R&B, soul, and gospel singer. He is best known for his song, "When a Man Loves a Woman." In 1966, it reached No. 1 on both the *Billboard* Hot 100 and R&B singles. He started out working as an orderly at a hospital on weekdays, and performed on the weekends. He also had a construction job. He has 12 children. He died of liver cancer.

Sly and the Family Stone

This band from San Francisco was active from 1966 to 1983. It was the first major American rock group to have a racially integrated, male and female lineup. The group was formed by Sylvester Stewart (1943-), better known as Sly Stone. The nickname Sly was a common one for Sylvester when growing up after a classmate misspelled his name Slyvester. His band was called The Stoners. Another band in the San Francisco area was called Freddie & the Stone Souls. The group members combined their bands, creating Sly and the Family Stone in November 1966. They were first called Sly Brothers and Sisters. In 1968, they released the single "Everyday People," which became their first No. 1 hit. It popularized the catchphrase "different strokes for different folks."

Smothers Brothers

The Smothers Brothers are Tom Smothers (1937-) and Dick Smothers (1939-). They are American folk singers, musicians, and comedians. In 1967, they had their own TV show. However, they used material that was critical of the Political mainstream. In 1969, they were fired by the CBS network. Their father was a West Point graduate and U.S. Army major. He died during World War II while being transported from one Japanese prisoner war camp to another. The brothers, both born in New York, were raised by their mother in the Los Angeles area.

Sonny & Cher

This was an American pop duo made up of husband Salvatore "Sonny" Bono and Cherilyn "Cher" Sarkisian. They performed from 1964 to 1977. They divorced in 1975. Sonny Bono was eventually elected to Congress as a Republican U.S. Representative from California, and Cher has a successful career as a solo singer and actress. In 1965, five of their songs were in the US Billboard Top 20, a record passed only by Elvis Presley. In 1998, Bono died of injuries from hitting a tree while skiing in Lake Tahoe. He was 62 years old.

Spector, Phil

Harvey Phillip Spector (1939-2021) was an American record producer. His parents were first cousins. In 1949, Phil's father committed suicide. His mother moved the family from the Bronx to Los Angeles, where she worked as a seamstress. His father's tombstone read, "To Know Him Was to Love Him." Spector turned the tombstone inscription of his father into his first hit record, "To Know Him Is to Love Him." He was a millionaire by age 21. He married Veronica "Ronnie" Greenfield of the Ronettes in 1968. She alleged that Spector imprisoned her and she escaped from his mansion barefoot with the help of her mother in 1972. They were divorced in 1974 and she forfeited all future record earnings and surrendered custody of their children. She alleged that this was because Spector threatened to hire a hit man to kill her. In 2003, Spector shot actress Lana Clarkson at his mansion. He was charged with second-degree murder. He was released as the court declared a mistrial of a hung jury. He was tried again in 2008 and found guilty. He was sentenced 19 years to life. In 2021, he died in prison from complications of COVID-19.

Springfield, Dusty

Mary Isobel Catherine Bernadette O'Brien (1939-1999) was known as Dusty Springfield. She was given the nickname "Dusty" for playing football with boys in the street and was described as a tomboy. She chose her last name "Springfield" while rehearsing in a filed in Somerset in the springtime. She was a lesbian with several lady partners, and lived with addiction to alcohol and drugs. She had bouts of self-harm and was hospitalized several times after hurting herself. She was diagnosed with bipolar disorder.

Springsteen, Bruce

Bruce Spingsteen (1949-) has been nicknamed "the Boss." He acquired that nickname as he took on the task of collecting the band's nightly pay and distributing it amongst his band mates. He is widely regarded as one of the greatest songwriters of all time. He has sold over 150 million records and more that 64 million albums in the United States. He was won 20 Grammy Awards. He dropped out of college and failed his physical examination for the draft, avoiding service in the Vietnam War. He had suffered a concussion in a motorcycle accident.

Stax Records

Stax Records is an American record label founded in 1957 in Memphis. It was first called Satellite Records, and then changed to Stax Records in 1961. It was founded by Jim Stewart and his sister Estelle Axton. The combination of Stewart and Axton became the name Stax. The founders had to change the original name after a complaint from another company named Satellite Records in California. The house band for Stax Records was Booker T & the M.G.'s. In 1962, Stax released "These Arms of Mine," the label's first single by future soul singer Otis Redding. In 1975, Stax Records was forced into involuntary Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Stewart lost his home and fortune.

Steely Dan

Steely Dan is an American rock band formed in 1971 in New York. The band's name came from a steam-powered dildo found in William S. Burroughs' novel *Naked Lunch*, written in 1959. The band broke up in 1981. Their most successful song was "Rikki Don't Lose That Number."

Steppenwolf

Steppenwolf was an American rock band most active from 1968 to 1972. The band's name was inspired by Herman Hesse's 1927 novel called *Steppenwolf*. All of the original band members were formerly of the Canadian band the Sparrows. Their most famous songs were "Born to Be Wild" and "Magic Carpet Ride." They introduced the term "heavy metal," which referred to motorcycles and not a kind of music.

Stevens, Cat

Steven Demetre Georgiou (1948-), commonly known by his stage name Cat Stevens, later changed his name to Yusof Islam. He was born in London. His father was a Greek Cypriot and his mother was Swedish. He considered a career as a cartoonist, but took an interest in music. His first stage name was Steve Adams. Thinking his birth name was too hard to remember, he chose the stage name Cat Stevens. His girlfriend said he had eyes like a cat, and he said that his

fans loved animals. In 1977, he converted to Islam and started playing Islamic music. He returned to making secular music in 2006. In 2004, he was flying from London to Washington, D.C. While the plane was in flight, his name was flagged on the No Fly List. His flight was diverted to Bangor, Maine, where he was detained. He was denied entry into the U.S. and was flown back to London. It turned out that it was a mistaken identification of a man named "Youssef Islam," a terrorist supporter. Islam was admitted in the U.S. in December 2006.

Stevens, Ray

Harold Ray Ragsdale (1939-) is known professionally as Ray Stevens. He is an American country and pop singer-songwriter and comedian. He was a music major at Georgia State University. His most famous songs are "Everything is Beautiful" and "the Streak."

Stevie Wonder

Stevland Hardaway Morris (1950-) is known professionally as Stevie Wonder. He was born six week premature and blind. He was a musical child prodigy and was given the name Little Stevie wonder by a producer at Motown Records. He signed with Motown at the age of 11. He has won 25 Grammy Awards, the most by a solo artist. He has 9 children by 5 different women. He has been married 3 times.

Stewart, Rod

Roderick David Stewart (1945-) is a British rock and pop singer and songwriter. Growing up, his main hobby was model railroading. He left school at age 15 and worked as a silk screen printer and as a newspaper delivery boy. Other jobs included working in a funeral parlor, working as a fence erector, and a sign writer. He lived in a beatnik houseboat. In 1963, he was deported from Spain for vagrancy. He returned home in London and worked in his brother's painting and picture frame shop. In 1967, he joined the Jeff Beck Group as vocalist and sometime songwriter. In 1971, his song "Maggie May" from his album *Every Picture Tells a Story*, marked the first time a song or an album topped both the U.S. and British charts at the same time. In 1982, he was car-jacked on Sunset Boulevard while he was parking his \$50,000 Porsche. The car was later recovered. In 2016, he was knighted for services to music and charity. He has 8 children by 5 women.

Sting

Gordon Matthew Thomas Sumner (1951-), better known as Sting, is an English musician and songwriter. His father was a milkman and engineer. His mother was a hairdresser. Sting worked as a bus conductor and building laborer. He graduated from Northumbria University and was qualified as a teacher. He taught for two years. He gained his nickname "Sting" after the habit of wearing black and yellow shirts with stripes that looked like a wasp. He was a member of the Police band from 1977 to 1984. He launched a solo career in 1985.

Strawberry Alarm Clock

This was a psychedelic rock band formed in 1967 in Glandale, California. The group's name came about because they wanted to use the word "Strawberry" in honor of The Beatles "Strawberry Fields Forever." However, they could not come up with anything to go with it.

Then someone noticed the ticking of an old alarm clock that was in the room, and they added the words "Alarm Clock" to "Strawberry." They are best known for their 1967 hit single, "Incense and Peppermints." The song reached No. 1 on the Hot 100 chart in November 1967. While on tour, the band members would often sit on "magic carpets" as their roadies carried them on stage. The drummer rigged up wrist gas jets to make it look like he was playing with his hands on fire.

Streisand, Barbra

Barbara Joan "Barbra" Streisand (1942-) is an American singer and actress. She has been active in the entertainment business for over 6 decades. Her father was a high school teacher. Her father died when she one year old from an epileptic seizure. At 18, she changed her first name from Barbara to Barbra. She wanted a more unique first name. She was married to Elliot Gould from 1963 to 1971. She is now married to actor James Brolin. She is the highest-certified female artist in the U.S. with almost 69 million album units. Only the Beatles and Elvis Presley have sold more albums. Billboard ranked her as the greatest female artist on the Billboard 200 chart. She is the top Adult Contemporary female artist of all time.

Sugarhill Gang, The

The Sugarhill gang is an American hip hop trio. Their 1979 hit "Rapper's Delight" was the first rap single to become a top 40 hit. It was the number one rap song in Canada. The group was named after the Sugar Hill neighborhood in Harlem. The melody of "Rapper;s Deight" was stolen from a record called "Good times" by Chic. Sugar Hill Records was sued for copyright infringement.

Sun Records

Sun Records is an American independent record label founded by Sam Phillips in Memphis in February 1952. It was the first label to record Elvis Presley, Charlie Rich, Roy Orbison, Jarry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and Johnny Cash. In 2021, Sun Records was acquired by Private Wave, a private music publishing and talent management company, in 2021.

Supremes, The

The Supremes were and American female singing group from Detroit that was active from 1959 to 1977. They were originally called the Primettes. The Supremes were the most commercially successful of Motown's acts and the most successful American vocal group. The producer at Motown gave the group a list of names to choose from. They chose "the Supremes" after turning down the other suggestions such as "the Darlenes," "the Sweet Ps," "the Melodees," "the Royaltones," and "the Jewelettes." Diana Ross was the lead singer until she left in 1970 to pursue a solo career.

Swift, Taylor

Taylor Alison Swift (1989-) is an American singer=songwriter. Her father was a stockbroker for Merrill Lynch in Pennsylvania. Her mother worked as a mutual fund marketing executive. She was named after singer-songwriter James Taylor. She was a country singer in Nashville at age 14. She is one of the best-selling music artists of all time. She has 25 *Billboard* Music Awards,

the most wins of any female artist. She has 32 American Music Awards, the most wins of any artist. She holds 49 Guinness World Records. She has won 11 Grammy Awards, including three Album of the Year wins – the most by any artist. On the Internet, she has amassed over 78 billion streams. She is the longest-reigning act of Billboard Artist 100 with 48 weeks as number one. She has the most cumulative weeks atop the *Billboard* 200 at 53 weeks.

Talking Heads

This was an American rock band formed in New York City in 1975 and was active until 1991. The name Talking Heads came from an issue of TV Guide, which explained that the term was used to describe a head-to-shoulder shot of a person talking that was all content and no action. This fit the decryption of the band members. Their most famous song was "Burning Down the House" in 1983. The group helped define the new wave genre in the United States.

Taylor, James

James Vernon Taylor (1948-) is an American singer and songwriter. His father was a medical doctor and came from a wealthy Southern family. He moved from Boston to Chapel Hill, NC in 1951 as a professor of medicine at the UNC School of Medicine. He later became dean of the UNC School of Medicine. His mother had been an opera singer. In 1965, he was suffering from depression and committed himself to a psychiatric hospital for 9 months. After leaving th hospital, he began using heroin and methedrine, and became an addict. Inn 1969, he broke both hands and both feet in a motorcycle accident. In 1971, he recorded "You've Got a Friend," written by Carole King. It was a No. 1 hit on the Hot 100 chart. Every album he released from 1977 to 2007 sold over 1 million copies. In 1972, he married Carlie Simon. They divorced in 1983.

Temptations, The

The Temptations are an American vocal group from Detroit that was formed in 1960. They were first called the Elgins, but the producer discovered another group called the Elgins. On a suggestion from a Miracle Records employee, they changed their name to the Temptations. The Temptations were the first Motown recording act to win a Grammy Award. In September 2020, former Temptations member Bruce Williamson died at age 49 from COVID-19.

Thomas, B. J.

Billy Joe Thomas (1942-2021) was an American singer from Oklahoma. In 1970, he recorded "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head" for the movie, *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*. It won the Academy Award for best original song and hit No. 1 on the Top 100 chart. Shortly after his career began, he became addicted on drugs and alcohol. In 1976, he released *Home Where I Belong*, which was the first Christian album to go platinum.

Three Dog Night

This was an American rock band formed in 1967. The group name referred to Australian hunters in the outback who huddled with dogs. The coldest nights were called "three dog night." Van Dyke Parks, a composer, arranger, and record producer, claims that he coined the name. Their most famous songs were "An Old Fashioned Love Song" and "Joy to the World."

Tornados, The

They were an English instrumental group from 1961 to 1967. In 1962, they recorded "Telstar," which was the first British rock record to reach #1 in the U.S and the UK. "Telstar" was named after the satellite. It was the first U.S. No. 1 single by a British group.

Townshend, Peter

Peter Dennis Blandford Townshend (1945-) is a guitarist and co-founder of the *Who*. His father was a professional musician in the Royal Air Force's dance band. His mother was a singer. Peter wanted to be a journalist. He taught himself how to play the guitar and never learned to read music. He entered an art college, but dropped out to focus on music full-time. His first band was called The Detours. The group became aware of the group of the same name, forcing them to change their name. Townshend's roommate came up with "The Who." Townshend has written more than 100 songs for 12 of the Who's studio albums. He suffers from partial deafness as a result of noise-induced hearing loss from his extensive exposure to loud music. Their May 31, 1976 concert was listed as the "Loudest Concert Ever" by the Guinness Book of Records.

Turner, Ike

Izear Luster "Ike" Turner Jr. (1931-2007) was an American musician and bandleader. He is best known for his musical work with his then-wife, Tina Turner, as the leader of the Ike & Tina Turner Revue. His father was a Baptist minister and his mother was a seamstress. He quit school in the 8th grade and began working as an elevator operator. He was addicted to cocaine for at least 15 years. He was convicted of drug offenses and spent 18 months in prison. He was arrested at least 8 times for drug offenses in the 1980s. He died of a cocaine overdose.

Turner, Tina

Anna Mae Bullock (1939-) is better known as Tina Turner. She was active as a singer and songwriter from 1957 to 2009. Her father was an overseer of sharecroppers on a farm in Tennessee. Tina recalled picking cotton with her family at an early age. After high school, she worked as a nurse's aide. Her first recording in 1958 was under the name Little Ann. Ike Turner allowed her to sing with his band, and he renamed her "Tina" because it rhymed with Sheena. Sheena was Queen of the Jungle in a comic book. Ike added his last name to Tina and trademarked the name as a form of protection. If Bullock left him, Ike could replace her with another "Tina Turner." In 1988, Tina Turner held a Guinness World Record for the largest paying audience (188,000) for a solo performer. She holds the record with four awards for Best Female Vocal Performance. She is referred to as "The Queen of Rock and Roll." In 2013, she gave up her American citizenship and became a Swiss citizen.

Turtles, The

The Turtles are an American rock band formed in Los Angeles in 1965. Prior to the present name, they were called The Tyrtles, inspired by the intentional spelling of The Byrds and The Beatles. They were originally a surf band. Their best known hit was "Happy Together," recorded in 1967. It hit No. 1 on the Hot 100 chart in the spring of 1967.

Tyler, Steven

Steven Victor Tallarico (1948-) is better known as Steven Tyler, the lead singer of Aerosmith. His father was a high school music teacher. His mother was a secretary. He was expelled from school just before graduation for smoking marijuana. Tyler is known as the "Demon of Screamin'" due to his high screams and wide vocal range. He had a heavy drug and alcohol addiction. He has continued to record music and perform with Aerosmith after more than 48 years in the band.

Twist, The

"The Twist" is an American pop song written and originally released in 1958 by Hank Ballard and the Midnighters. It was inspired by the twist dance craze that started in Tampa, Florida. Chubbt Checker's 1960 cover version reached number 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 in 1960. It set the record at the time as the only song to reach number 1 in two different hit parade runs, one in 1960 and again in 1962. This would not happen for another song for nearly 59 years. The Twist was considered the biggest hit of the 1960s.

U2

U2 is an Irish rock band from Dublin. The band formed in 1976. After several suggestions for a name, the band chose U2 for its ambiguity and open-ended interpretations. They have won 22 Grammy Awards, more than any other band. Bono is their lead vocals and plays the rhythym guitar. U2 have 8 albums that have reached number one in the US, the third-most of any group. They were the first group to attain number-one albums in the US in the 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, and 2010s. In Ireland, U2 holds the record for most number-one singes with 19.

Van Halen, Eddie

Edward "Eddie" Lodewijk Van Halen (1955-2020) was the main songwriter and guitarist of the rock band Van Halen. He was never taught to read music. He is regarded as one of the all-time greatest guitar players in rock history. He was awarded three patents related to guitars. In 1981, he married actress Valeri Bertinelli. They divorced in 2007.

Vanilla Fudge

Vanilla Fudge is an American rock band that formed in 1967. They were previously called the Pigeons. The name came from a suggestion of a girl whose nickname was Vanilla Fudge. She added that the guys should be called that because they sounded like white soul music. Their biggest hit was "You Keep Me Hangin' On." The group disbanded in 1970.

Vee, Bobby

Robert Thomas Veline (1943-2016) was known as Bobby Vee. He was an American singer, songwriter, and musician. He had 38 Hot 100 chart hits. He was born in Fargo, North Dakota. His father was a chef and pianist. In 1961, he record a No. 1 hit called "Take Care of My Baby." It went to No. 3 in the UK. He died from complications of Alzheimer's Disease.

Velvet Underground, The

This was an American rock band formed in New York City in 1964 and first disbanded in 1973. The name came from a book by the same name written in 1963 about the secret sexual subculture of the early 1960s. The band was managed by Andy Warhol in 1966. Their first album cover was designed by Andy Warhol, which was a yellow banana sticker.

Ventures, The

This was an American instrumental rock band formed in Tacoma in 1958. The two original members called themselves the Versatones. When they went to register the band name, they found that it was already taken. The mother of Don Wilson, the co-founder, suggested the name "The Ventures." Their first drummer was George Babbitt. He dropped out because he was not old enough to play night clubs and bars. George went on to become a 4-star general in the U.S. Air Force. From 1997 to 2000, he was commander of the Air Force Material Command. The Ventures are the best-selling instrumental band of all time.

Vicious, Sid

Simon John Ritchie (1957-1979) was known as Sid Vicious. He was the bassist for the English rock band Sex Pistols. His father was a guardsman at Buckingham Palace. His mother was in the British Army. His friend, John Lydon, nicknamed Ritchie "Sid Vicious" after Lydon's pet hamster Sid. The hamster bit Ritchie, who responded, "Sid is really vicious." Vicious was charged with assault on an acquaintance and spent 55 days at Rikers Island. Vicious died in Manhattan on February 1979 after overdosing on heroin. A day earlier, he had been release on bail.

Village People

This is an American disco group, known for its on-stage costumes and suggestive lyrics in their music. They were formed in 1977. Their debut album Village People was targeted for disco's large gay audience. Their single "Y.M.C.A." became one of the most popular hits of the 1970s. The group's name refers to Manhattan's Greenwich Village, with its reputation as a gay neighborhood.

Vinton, Bobby

Stanley Robert Vinton (1935-), better known as Bobby Vinton, is an American singer, songwriter, and actor. He was known as "The Polish Prince," as his music paid tribute to his Polish heritage. His Polish father was a bandleader. Bobby graduated from college with a degree in musical composition. He spent two year in the U.S. Army as a chaplain's assistant. In 1963, he recorded "Blue Velvet," which went to No. 1 in the US and No.2 in the UK. The original song was recorded by Tony Bennett in 1951.

Walker, T-Bone

Aaron Thibeaux "T-Bone" Walker (1910-1965) was an American blues musician, born in Texas. He was a pioneer and innovator of the jump blues (up-tempo style of blues) and electric blues. He was the most influential guitarist of his day. He dropped out of school at age 10. By age 15, he was a professional performer on the blues circuit. The nickname "T-Bone" was a corruption of his middle name. He was the first black to play the blues with an amplified acoustic guitar and then, in the 1930s, with an electric guitar. He died of pneumonia at age 64.

Walsh, Joe

Joseph Fidler Walsh (1947-) is an American rock guitarist, singer, and songwriter. His father, Lt. Robert Fidler, was a flight instructor for the Lockheed F-80 Shooting Star in the U.S. Air Force. In 1949, he died in a plane crash in Okinawa. His mother was a classically trained pianist. Walsh was adopted by his stepfather at the age of 5 and took his stepfather's surname. Walsh majored in English at Kent State University in Cleveland and was present during the Kent State massacre in 1970. After one term, he dropped out to pursue a musical career. He was a member of the James Gang in the 1960s, leaving in 1972. In 1975, he joined the Eagles and remained with them until 1980. He has been married 5 times. Walsh admits to struggling with alcohol and drug addictions. He holds an Amateur Extra Class Amateur Radio license.

War

War is an American funk/rock/soul band from Long Beach, formed in 1969. Their album, *The World is a Ghetto*, was Billboard's bestselling album in 1973. The album attained the No. 2 spot on the Hot 100 chart.

Warwick, Dionne

Marie Dionne Warrick (1940-) is an American singer from New Jersey. Her father was a Pullman porter, chef, record promoter, and Certified Public Accountant. She is one of the most-charted female vocalists of all time, with 80 of her singles making the Hot 100 list. On her first solo album, Warrick's name was misspelled, so she began using "Warwick" as her last name. In 2013, she declared Chapter 7 bankruptcy due to mismanagement of her business affairs. She owed \$7 million to the IRS for the years 1991 to 1999. She owed more than \$3 million in taxes owed to California. In 2002, she was arrested at the Miami airport for possession of marijuana.

Who, The

The band developed from an earlier group called The Detours. The band members discovered another band called Johnny Devlin and the Detours. Roger Daltry wanted a name focusing on a theme of joke announcements and selected Richard Barnes's choice of "the Who." Other choices had been "No One." And "the Group." A new manager came into the band and changed the name to "High Numbers." After failure of one of their singles, the band reverted back to The Who.

Wild Cherry

This was an American band active from 1970 to 1979. The band's name "Wild Cherry" was taken from a box of cough drops. In 1976, "Play That Funky Music," was their biggest hit. It peaked at No. 1 on both the Billboard R&B and pop charts. The band was named Best Pop Group of the Year.

Williams, Andy

Howard Andrew Williams (1927-2012) was an American singer. He recorded 43 albums in his career. He was born in Wall Lake, Iowa. His father worked in insurance and the post office. At 17, he joined the U.S. Merchant Marine and served until the end of World War II. In 1962, he

was asked to sing "Moon River," the theme from *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, at the 1962 Academy Awards, where it won Best Original Song. From 1962 to 1972, he was one of the most popular vocalists in the country, and was signed to what was at the time the biggest recording contract in history. He was active in the music industry for over 70 years. He died of bladder cancer at the age of 84.

Williams, Hank

Hiram "Hank" King Williams (1923-1953) was an American country singer. His father was a railroad engineer. His mother worked in a cannery and was a nurse. Hank dropped out of school to devote his time to music. Hiram, obsessed with country music, began calling himself Hank because he thought it sounded like an authentic country name. He learned how to play a guitar from a black street musician in Alabama. He was called "the King of Country Music." His first radio contract was terminated because of his alcoholism. He was unable to read or notate music. He was dismissed by the Grand Ole Opry because of his unreliability and alcoholism. On New Year's Day in 1953, he suffered from heart failure and died suddenly at the age of 29 in West Virginia. He had consumed some sedatives and alcohol before his death. He had a daughter who was born 5 days after his death. His mother adopted the girl, named Jett Williams. Jett did not learn that she was William's daughter until the 1980s.

Wilson, Brian

Brian Douglas Wilson (1942-) was an American musician that founded the Beach Boys. His father was a machinist and part-time songwriter. Brian began composing original music at the age of 12. In high school, he got a final grade of C in music. He was deaf in his right ear. He enrolled as a psychology major in college, but dropped out after a year and a half. He became the first pop artist credited with writing, arranging, producing, and performing his own material. He co-wrote Jan and Dean's "Surf City," which was the first chart-topping surf song. Brian struggled with mental illness throughout his life. He was diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder, paranoid schizophrenia, and mild manic depression. He suffered brain damage caused by excessive and sustained drug use.

Winter, Edgar

Edgar Holland Winter (1946-) is an American musician and songwriter. He was born with albinism. In 1972, he formed the Edgar Winter Group. In 1973, they had a No. 1 hit with "Frankenstein." Winter invented the keyboard body strap so that he could move around on stage. Another one of their hits was "Free Ride."

Woodstock

The most famous music festival of all was the Woodstock Music and Art Fair on August 15-18, 1969. It was not actually held in Woodstock, New York. It was held on Max Ysagur's dairy farm in Bethel, New York, 40 miles southwest of the town of Woodstock. It attracted an audience of more than 400,000, making Bethel, the 3rd largest city in New York. 32 acts performed outdoors, sometimes in the rain. There were 3 drug-related deaths and 3 births. The promoters lost over a million dollars. The first act to sign a contract for the event was Creedence Clearwater Revival.

Yankovic, "Weird Al"

Alfred Matthew "Weird Al" Yankovic (1959-) is known for his humorous songs and parody. His father earned two Purple Hearts for his service as a medic during World War II. His mother was a stenographer. He was valedictorian of his high school senior class. He attended California Polytechnic State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in architecture. In college, he was a disc jockey. The dormitory kids called him "Weird Al" as a derogatory nickname. He later took this nickname professionally. His first comedy song aired in 1976 and has recorded over 150 parodies and original songs. He has performed over 1,000 live shows. He has never used profanity, alcohol, or drugs. In 2004, both of his parents died at home, the victims of carbon monoxide from their fireplace.

Yardbirds, The

This was an English group formed in London and active from 1963 to 1968. The Yardbirds started the careers of Eric Clapton, Jimmy Page, and Jeff Beck. Their original name was the Blue-Sounds. The band's name was inspired by jazz saxophonist Charlie "Yardbird" Parker.

Yes

Yes is an English progressive rock band formed in London in 1968. One of the band members suggest the name "World" and another band member responded, simply, "yes," and that was how the band was named. They are one of the longest-lasting progressive rock bands.

Young, Neil

Neil Percival Young (1945-) is a Canadian-American singer-songwriter. His nickname is "godfather of Grunge." His father was a journalist and sportswriter. Young suffered from polio in 1952. He was expelled from high school for riding a motorcycle down the hall of the school. In 2020, he became a U.S. citizen and has dual citizenship. He is considered the second best living songwriter, behind Bob Dylan.

Youngbloods, The

This was an American rock band, active from 1965 to 1972. Their only U.S. Top 40 hit was "Get Together," recorded in 1969. They were formed in Greenwich Village by Jesse Colin Young and Jerry Corbitt. They began performing as a duo in Canada, eventually adopting the name "The Youngbloods." Johnny Carson refuse to allow the band to perform on his nightly show, saying they were overly demanding during the pre-show soundcheck.

Zappa, Frank

Frank Vincent Zappa (1940-1993) was an American musician, composer, and songwriter. His band was called the Mothers of Invention. The band was previously called The Soul Giants, but renamed the Mothers on Mother's Day. Band members wanted to call themselves "Mother" but Frank Zappa came up with the name "The Mothers of Invention." Frank's father was a chemist and mathematician who worked in the defense industry. He worked in the chemical warfare facility of the US Army's Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. He later moved to Monterey, CA where he taught metallurgy at the Naval Postgraduate School. Frank is

considered the godfather of comedy rock. He did not use drugs. Zappa named his children Moon, Dweezil, Ahmet, and Diva. Zappa died of prostate cancer.

Zombies, The

This was an English rock band in the early 1960s. Their original name was the Mustangs, but there were other groups with that name. The selected The Zombies as a name no other band was going to have.

ZZ Top

ZZ Top is an American rock band that formed in 1969 in Houston, Texas. One of the band members noticed concert posters and that many of the performers' names used initials, such as B.B. King and Z.Z. Hill. They thought of combining the two into ZZ King, but considered to similar to the original name. Vocalist-guitarist Billy Gibbons then figured that "king is going to the top," which turned into "ZZ Top." For 51 years, the band composed of Billy Gibbons, Frank Bear, and Duty Hill, until Hill's death in 2021. In 1986, their Afterburner Tour set records for the highest-attended and highest-grossing concert tour of the year. In 2021, ZZ Top had become the longest-running band with an unchanged lineup in the history of popular music.

Chess and Music

In January 1607, the first musical connection with a chess theme occurred. It was called Ballet des Eschecs (Ballet of chess).

Francois-Andre Danican Philidor (1726-1795) was a famous music composer. He was exposed to chess by the musicians in the French king's court, who played chess during spells of inactivity. At the age of 11 he was composing music for Louis XV. He made an early living by copying music and giving music lessons. In 765 he composed the opera Tom Jones. He wrote over 20 operas in his career. The opera house in Paris has a bust of Philidor.

In 1809, the first opera with a chess theme was performed. The opera, Das Schachturnier (the chess tournament), was composed by Traugott Maximilian Eberwein (1775-1831). It first appeared in Rudolstadt, Germany.

In 1836, a musical romance called Zazesizosu! was staged at the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, in London. One of the songs was called Island of Chess.

From 1852 to 1855, Armand Edward Blackmar (1826-1888), of Blackmar-Diemer Gambit fame, was professor of music at Centenary College in Jackson, Louisiana.

In the 1850s, Paul Morphy (1837-1884) was able to memorize any piece of music after hearing it a single time.

In the 1860s, Armand Edward Blackmar was the most successful publisher of music of the

Confederacy during the Civil War. He was best known for the patriotic songs he wrote for the South. During the Civil War, Armand worked out of New Orleans until a Union raid, led by General Benjamin Butler (1818-1893), on his business forced him to cease working and arrested Blackmar. He was imprisoned by Union soldiers in New Orleans for publishing "seditious" (Confederate) music, such as the Bonnie Blue Flag (Band of Brothers) and the Dixie War Song. After the Civil War, he opened up a music store in New Orleans.

In 1864, Hungarian composer and pianist Ferenc Erkel (1810-1893) was president of the first Hungarian chess organization.

In the 1870s, chess problemist Sam Loyd (1841-1911) owned a chain of music stores.

In 1881, there was an article entitled, "Mendelssohn as a Chessplayer," published in the Chess Player's Chronicle on November 22, 1881, p. 565. It mentioned that a large part of his time was devoted to chess.

In the 1880s, Johannes Zukertort (1842-1888) was a music critic and pianist.

In the 1890s, Sir Walter Parratt (1841-1924) was able to play a Beethoven Sonata at the same time that he was conducting two games of chess blindfold. Parratt was an English organist and composer. He was a member of the Huddersfield Chess Club and played his blindfold games while playing a selection of tunes on the piano at Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire. He served for a few months as president of the Oxford University Chess Club and for two years was captain of the Oxford Chess Club. (source: Shinn, Musical Memory and its Cultivation, 1898, p. 134)

On January 30-31, 1893, there was a charity musical chess tournament at King's Lynn in Norfolk, England. The music was composed by Howard Talbot, and rendered by members of the King's Lynn Musical Society. The performance was attended by the Prince of Wales. (source: British Chess Magazine, March 1893, pp. 135-137)

In 1900, Russian composer and pianist Alexander Goldenweiser (1875-1961), defeated Mikhail Chigorin in a game of chess, played in Moscow.

In February 1910, Leevi Antii Madetoja (1887-1947) composed the suite Shakkipeli (Chess Game). It was composed for a play called the Chess Game by Eino Leino (1878-1926).

In 1911, Russian composer Peter Petrovich Saburov (1880-1932) was President of the St. Petersburg Chess Club.

On May 20, 1914, composer Sergey Prokofiev (1891-1953) defeated Jose Capablanca in a simultaneous exhibition in St. Petersburg.

In 1918, Peter Saburov was President of the Russian Chess Association.

In 1925, Russian composer Peter Petrovich Saburov composed "Love Symphony" for a big orchestra. One of the pieces was called "Simultaneous Games of Chess." The composition was first played at the "Concert Classique" in Monte Carlo on May 6, 1925 and proved a success.

In 1925, French conductor and composer Henri Rabaud (1873-1949) composed a musical piece called Joueur d'echecs (Chess Player) for a film with the same name, directed by Raymond Bernard.

In 1928, Ira Gershwin (1896-1983) wrote the lyrics to "How Long Has This Been Going On?" which has the line, 'Don't be sad, I must add, that they meant no more than chess-men.' George Gershwin (1898-1937) composed the song. The song was supposed to be for the musical Funny Face in 1928, but it was not used. It was eventually introduced in the musical Rosalie (1928) by Bobbe Arnst and Mary O'Brian. It has also been performed by Bing Crosby (1955), Ella Fitzgerald (1950), Audrey Hepburn (1957), Louis Armstrong (1957), Carmen McRae (1960), Judy Garland (1961), Andy Williams (1962), Liza Minnelli (1970), Cher (1973), Ray Charles (1973), Carly Simon (2005), and Gloria Estefan (2013).

In January 1930, the Czech composer Bohuslav Martinu (1890-1959) composed the ballet, Echec au Roi (Chess of the King). It describes a chess match set to music.

In 1933, Mark Taimanov (1926-2016) started taking piano lessons at a musical school in Leningrad.

In 1936, Mark Taimanov was studying at a music school and he was selected to play a leading role as a young violinist in the Soviet film "Beethoven Concerto." Taiminov did not know how to play the violin (he was a piano student), but he learned how to play it from scratch. Taimanov spent a year learning the violin.

On June 15, 1937, a 50-minute ballet called Checkmate was performed at the Paris World Exhibition. The ballet was composed by British composer Sir Arthur Bliss (1891-1975) and choreographed by Ninette de Valois (1898-2001), who knew nothing about chess. The ballet was written at the request of the Sadler's Wells Ballet for their visit to Paris in 1937.

In 1937, composer Sergey Prokofiev and violinist David Oistrakh (1908-1974) played a chess match that was publicized and featured in several Soviet chess magazines of the time. The 10-game match was played at the Master of Art Club in Moscow. Soviet master Vladimir Alatortsev oversaw the match. The winner was awarded the Art Workers' Club prize and the loser had to give a concert for the club members. Prokofiev won the match and Oistrakh went on the concert tour. (source: Silver, "The 1937 Prokofiev-Oistrakh Match," ChessBase News, Feb 18, 2013)

In 1939, Melvin "Sy" Oliver (1910-1988) and James "Trummy" Young (1912-1984) wrote the lyrics to "Tain't What You Do (It's the Way That You Do It)." Jimmie Lunceford (1902-1947), Harry James (1916-1983), and Ella Fitzgerald (1917-1996) recorded the jazz tune. One of the

lines is 'I must confess, that life is like a game of chess.' In 1982, the jazz tune was transformed into a pop song by Fun Boy Three and the Bananarama. In 1988, it appeared in Bananarama's Greatest Hits Collection.

In 1941, American violinist and pianist Louis Persinger (1887-1966) won the first USCF Open postal chess tournament.

In 1943, John Cage (1912-1992) wrote an unfinished piano sonata called Chess Pieces. This composition was originally conceived as an ink-and-gouache on masonite painting, created specifically for "The Imagery of Chess" exhibition at the Julien Levy Gallery in New York City (1944-45). This was an exhibition that was comprised of works that were in some manner related to Marcel Duchamp's interest in chess. In 2005, the original painting resurfaced, and, in working to realize it as a musical composition, Mararet Leng Tan discovered it to be a coherent composition – a through-composed score, consisting of 22 systems of music read conventionally from left to right. Each system is a self-contained musical unit of 12 bars, translating collectively into 22 modular segments. Leng Tan subsequently recorded the work, and thus it was both exhibited and heard within the context an exhibition entitled "The Imagery of Chess Revisited" at The Noguchi Museum in Long Island City, New York (21 October 2005 – 16 April 2006). The original score, as visual artwork, remains in a private collection in Chicago.

In 1944, Vittorio Rieti (1898-1994) composed Chess Serenade: suite for two pianos, four hands. It appears on John Cage: The Works for Piano, Vol. 7 (2006).

In 1945, Mark Taimanov resumed his music studies at the Leningrad Conservatory, where he met Lyubov Bruk, a fellow student. They formed a piano duo. Taimanov studied under Samari Savshinsky.

In 1947, an operetta, The Sea Cadet, was performed in London which presented a game of living chess.

In 1947, Bertholt Brecht (1898-1956), a German poet, playwright, and theatre director testified that he wrote the words to music composed by Communist Hanns Eisler (1898-1962), but he only played chess with Eisler and was not involved politically. The two composed that national anthem of East Germany. (source: Life, Nov 24, 1947, p. 148)

In 1948, Vasily Smyslov (1921-2010) wanted to become a professional baritone singer and took singing and music lessons.

In 1950, Vasily Smyslov failed an audition with the Bolshoi Theatre, and only then decided to make chess a career.

In 1951, Count Giancarlo dal Verme (1908-1985) and FIDE Vice President Marcel Berman (1895-1960) composed the music of the FIDE anthem.

In 1953, the first ballet on ice with a chess theme was performed. Called Sinbad the Sailor on Ice, the skaters played out a Morphy – Duke of Brunswick chess game on ice. The work was composed by Reginald Charles Noel-Johnson (1904-2001).

In 1954, Dizzy Gillespie (1917-1993) defeated Chief Justice of the United States Earl Warren during an airplane ride together.

In 1957, Jean Absil (1893-1974) composed *Chess, Suite for Piano, op. 96*. It is a suite of 6 pieces of virtuosity whose writing was inspired by the moves of chess pieces.

In 1958, Carmen McRae (1922-1994) released her album, *Book of Ballads*. One of the songs, "How Long Has This Been Going On?" has the line, 'Don't be sad, I must add, that they meant no more than chess-men.'

In March 1960, Wayne Shorter (1933-) composed "The Chess Players" on the album The Big Beat by the band called Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers.

In 1963, Faron Young (1932-1996) wrote the song "Ballad of Paladin," which appeared on his album Faron Young Aims at the West. There are references to a chess knight, Paladin's calling card.

Have gun will travel reads the card of a man
A knight without armor in a savage land
His fast gun for hire heeds the calling wind
A soldier of fortune is a man called Paladin
Paladin Paladin where do you roam Paladin Paladin far far from home

He travels on to wherever he must

A chess knight of silver is his badge of trust

There are campfire legends that the plainsmen sing

Of a man with the gun of the man called Paladin

Paladin Paladin where do you roam Paladin Paladin far far from home

Far far from home far far from home

On January 13, 1964, Bob Dylan (1941-) released his album *The Times They Are a-Changin.'* One of the songs, "Only a Pawn in Their Game," has the line, 'But he can't be blamed, He's only a pawn in their game.' The song is more of a chess metaphor than actually about chess.

In 1964, Calvin Barry Blocker (1955-) of Cleveland was considered a music prodigy. At age 9, he was performing on stage by playing "Prelude in C# minor." He spent three and a half years studying piano at the Cleveland Institute of Music before dropping out to devote full time to chess.

In April 1965, Paul Reif (1910-1978) composed Philidor's Defense: a musical chess game. It was

a 13-minute piece for two instrumental ensembles, based on one of Paul Morphy's famous game that opened up with a Philidor's Defense. The track list included names like Gambit, Middle Game, and End Game.

In 1965, Ray Charles (1930-2004) learned chess after being busted twice and hospitalized for heroin addiction. He learned chess in the hospital where he went cold turkey after 17 years of drug use. He used a peg set made for the blind. One of his chess partners was Willie Nelson (1933-). In 2002, he played and lost to the American grandmaster and former U.S. champion Larry Evans (1932-2010)

In 1965, the American rock band Velvet Underground (managed by Andy Warhol) provided the background music at a chess exhibition organized by Marcel Duchamp (1887-1978) at the Cordier & Elkstrom Gallery in New York. The charity exhibition brought in over \$32,000 to support chess in America.

In early 1966, Grace Slick (1939-) wrote and sang "White Rabbit" for the album Conspicuous Only In Its Absence by the band Great Society. In 1967, the song was recorded for the album Surrealistic Pillow by the Jefferson Airplane. The song has several references to chess.

One pill makes you larger

And one pill makes you small

And the ones that mother gives you

Don't do anything at all

Go ask Alice

When she's ten feet tall

And if you go chasing rabbits

And you know you're going to fall

Tell 'em a hookah smoking caterpillar

Has given you the call

Call Alice

When she was just small

When men on the chessboard

Get up and tell you where to go

And you've just had some kind of mushroom

And your mind is moving low

Go ask Alice

I think she'll know

When logic and proportion

Have fallen sloppy dead

And the White Knight is talking backwards

And the Red Queen's "off with her head!"

Remember what the dormouse said:

"Feed your head. Feed your head. Feed your head"

In 1968, John White (1936-) composed Cello and Tuba Machine. The notes played by the tuba were determined by the moves of a knight on a musical chessboard.

In March 1968, Marcel Duchamp (1887-1968) played a chess game with avant-garde composer John Cage at the Ryerson Polytechnic in Toronto, in which music was produced by a series of photoelectric cells underneath each square of the chessboard as the chess pieces moved about the board. The board was created by Lowell Cross. The electronic chess game/concert/artwork was called Reunion.

On December 4, 1968, a ballet called *Pawn to King 5* was performed at the Ballet Rambert, Jeanette Cochrane Theatre, London. It was choreographed by John Chesworth (1930-2014). The music was provided by Pink Floyd. The ballet starts with a brawl.

In 1969, the English rock band Pink Floyd recorded the song "Country Song," also known as "The Red Queen Theme." The song was unissued until 1997. In 1997, the song was released on the album Zabriskie Point. It has the line, 'And the red Queen was waiting for the news, for the white King to move... Run to the treasury and bring me back some gold; Give it to the pawn who came, she cried. He says the white King thinks the game of chess is wrong... There will be no game today, she cried across the board.'

In 1969, blues singer Juke Boy Bonner (1932-1978) released the album The Struggle. One of the songs, "Cap is Back," has the line, 'You play chess with life, end up in the flame.' In 2003, Cappadonna recorded the same song for the album The Struggle.

In November 1969, Scott Walker (1943-) released his album, Scott 4. One of the songs, "Seventh Seal," has the line 'Anybody seen a knight pass this way? I saw him playing chess with Death yesterday.'

In the 1970s, Bono (1960-), or Paul David Hewson, of U2, was chess champion of his school. He later became interested in music and chess took a back seat.

On July 17, 1970, the English rock band Yes composed "Your Move," which was included in The Yes Album (release on July 17, 1970), with the song also called "I've Seen All Good People." The lyrics were written by Jon Anderson (1944-) and Chris Squire (1948-2015). "Your Move" was released as a single and became a top 40 hit in the United States in December 1971. The tune uses chess as a lyrical metaphor for navigating interpersonal relationships. There are several chess references (white queen, black square, captured piece, etc). In 2000, the song was released on their album Almost Famous.

I've seen all good people turn their heads each day So satisfied I'm on my way I've seen all good people turn their heads each day So satisfied I'm on my way Take a straight and stronger course To the corner of your life Make the white queen run so fast She hasn't got time to make you a wife
'Cause it's time, it's time in time with your time
And its news is captured
For the queen to use!
Move me on to any black square
Use me anytime you want
Just remember that the goal
Is for us all to capture all we want (Move me on to any black square)
Don't surround yourself with yourself
Move on back two squares
Send an instant karma to me
Initial it with loving care (Don't surround yourself)
'Cause its time is time in time with your time
And its news is captured
For the queen to use

On September 18, 1970, the English heavy metal band Black Sabbath released the album Paranoid. One of the songs, "Luke's Wall/War Pigs" has a line, 'treating people just like pawns in chess.' In 1968, the song was first performed at The Beat Club in Switzerland. The song was written by Geezer Butler (1949-).

In 1971, the Czech composer Ladislav Simon (1929-2011) composed Sachova Dama (Chess Queen). It was an 8-minute blues piece for a large jazz orchestra.

On November 5, 1971, Elton John (1947-) released Madman Across the Water. One of the songs was "Levon," which has the line, "He was born a pauper to a pawn on a Christmas Day." The lyrics were written by Bernie Taupin (1950-) and Elton John. "Levon" was first recorded on February 27, 1971.

In 1971, Marcia Cohen scored and recorded Chess Set: for Percussion and Electronic Tape.

In 1971, the Brazilian composer Osvaldo Costa de Lacerda (1927-2011) composed "Cromos: para Piano." One of the pieces is called Jogando xadrez (playing chess).

In 1972, the Czech composer Jan Kapr (1914-1988) wrote "Chess Sonata for Two Pianos." It is an 18-minute piece.

In October 1972, the British rock band Atomic Rooster released their album, Made in England. One of the songs, "All in Satan's Name," has the line 'Three thousand million chessmen on a planetary board play the game of chess to march the hordes of demons onward.' The song was written by Ric Parnell (1951-).

In November 1972, the rock band Steely Dan released the album, Can't Buy a Thrill. One of the songs, "Dirty Work," has the line, 'Like the castle in its corner, in a medieval game, I foresee

terrible trouble, and I stay here just the same.' The songwriters were Donald Jay Fagen (1948-) and Walter Carl Becker (1950-2017). The lead vocals of the song was David Palmer. The song was later recorded by other artists, including the Pointer Sisters, Iain Matthews, and Melissa Manchester.

In 1973, Loudon Wainwright III (1946-) released his album, Attempted Mustache. One of the songs, "The Man Who Couldn't Cry," had the line, 'For the insensitive and the insane, he played lots of chess and made lots of friends.' In 1994, the song was sung by Johnny Cash (1932-2003) at the Viper Room nightclub in Los Angeles. It was later released on his 1994 album American Recordings.

In 1973, musician and actor Bobby Darin (1936-1973) was about to sponsor the richest chess tournament ever, the Bobby Darin International Chess Classic. However, he died during a heart operation on Los Angeles and the event was canceled. Bobby Darin was always explaining chess during his Bobby Darin show. He was playing chess just before he went into surgery. His wife, Sandra Dee, was also a chess player. Bobby Darin's son, Dodd, runs a chess publishing house.

In the summer of 1973, an English progressive band called Flash wrote several songs with chess themes. The songs included, "None the Wiser (King)," "Farewell Number One (Pawn)," "Man of Honor (Knight)," "Dead Ahead (Queen)," and "The Bishop." The album was called Out of Our Hands. The songs were composed by Ray Bennett.

In October 1973, American folk singer John Pine (1946-) released his album Sweet Revenge. One of the songs, "Christmas in Prison," has the line, 'She reminds me of a chess game with someone I admire.'

In 1973, American composer Ned Rorem (1923-) composed Day Music for violin and piano. One of the works is called "A Game of Chess Four Centuries Ago."

On October 14, 1974, the British rock band Jethro Tull released their album War Child. One of the songs, "Only Solitaire," has the line 'and every night his act's the same, and so it must be all a game of chess he's playing. But you're wrong, Steve: you see, it's only solitaire.' The song was written in 1972 by Ian Anderson (1947-) and David Palmer (1937-).

In December 1974, a British progressive rock band called Gryphon released the album Red Queen to Gryphon Three. The album is based loosely on a game of chess and consists of instrumental pieces called "Opening Move," "Second Spasm," "Lament," and "Checkmate." The album cover shows an old man playing chess. The album was recorded in August 1974.

In 1974, during his Candidates' Match with Henrique Mecking (1952-) in Augusta, Georgia, Viktor Korchnoi (1931-2016) received a list of music albums that his 14-year old son, Igor, wanted. Radio station WBBQ provided Viktor with albums that included records by Alice Cooper, the Beatles, Moody Blues, Simon and Garfunkel, the Osmonds, and Brocul Harum. (source: Aiken Standard, Jan 29, 1974)

On May 19, 1975, Elton John released Captain Fantastic and the Brown Dirt Cowboy. One of the songs was "Someone Saved My Life Tonight." In verse two, it has the lines, "I'm strangled by your haunted social scene, just a pawn out-played by a dominating queen." The album was recorded in August 1974. The lyrics were written by Bernie Taupin.

On November 1, 1975, the British-Irish singer Chris de Burgh (1946-) released the album Spanish Train and Other Stories. One of the songs, "Spanish Train," has the line, 'And far away in some recess, the Lord and the Devil are now playing chess; the Devil still cheats and wins more souls. And as for the Lord, well, he'd just doing his best.'

In February 1976, British musician Ian Hunter (1939-) released the album All American Alien Boy. One of the songs, "God [Take 1]" has the line, 'A God gets tired of playing so much chess, he wished his God would get him out of his mess.'

On October 30, 1976, Olivia Newton-John (1948-) released her album, Don't Stop Believin'. One of the songs, "New-Born Babe," mentions chess pieces. In 1981, the song also appeared on her album Love Performance.

On December 1, 1977, Aerosmith released Draw the Line album. The song entitled "Draw the Line," starts out with the line, 'Checkmate honey, beat you at your own damn game.' Another line is 'Checkmate, don't be late.' Draw the Line was recorded in June 1977. The lyrics were written by Steven Tyler (1948-) and Joe Perry (1950-).

On January 8, 1978, David Allan Coe (1939-) released his album Nothing Sacred. One of the songs, "Fu*k Aneta Briant," has the line 'your fingernails help you dress, play you chess.'

On February 10, 1978, Dusty Springfield (1939-1999), released a song called, "Checkmate," on her album It Begins Again, with several references to chess such as "I'm a Queen to your King, Yes, I've been told that you use your pawn to hurt me." and "hold you in checkmate once more." The lyrics were written by Nona Hendryx (1944-).

In July 1978, the English rock duo Godley & Crème, released their album called L. One of the songs, called "Art School Canteen," has the line, 'So I lied about the funeral, I was really playing chess.'

In 1979, Swedish composer Sten Hanson (1936-2013) composed The Chessmen of Mars for his John Carter Songbook, release in 1988.

In 1980, Julia Usher (1945-) wrote "A Chess Piece." It was a chamber and voice music with 3 clarinets and 1 soprano. It had three movements called Openings, A Tempo, and Endgame.

On October 6, 1980, Monty Python released their album, Monty Python's Contractual Obligation Album. One of the songs, "I Like Chinese," has the line, 'Think the many things

they've done to impress; There's Maoism, Taoism, I Ching and chess.' In 2001, the song appeared on the album Tomcats Screaming Outside by Roland Orzabal (1961-).

On May 21, 1982, the British band Discharge released their first album called Hear Nothing See Nothing Say Nothing. One of the songs, "Drunk with Power," has the line 'A giant game of chess they play with you.'

In September 1982, the heavy metal band Witchfinder General released the album Death Penalty. One of the songs, "Witchfinder General," has the line, 'He plays with us like pawns in chess.'

On May 5, 1983, the British rock and new wave band The Fixx released their album, Reach the Beach. One of the songs, "Opinions," had the line, 'I don't play chess but I could play with you.'

On July 26, 1983, the American new wave band Oingo Boingo released the album Good for Your Soul. One of the songs, "Wake Up (It's 1984), has the line, 'Just like a chess game, but so intense that I just don't understand.'

In 1984, the musical Chess was produced, with lyrics written by Tim Rice (1944-). It was the most expensive musical play ever put together, costing over \$4 million. The music was composed by Benny Andersson (1946-) and Bjorn Ulvaeus (1945-), both formerly of the pop group ABBA. The musical was inspired by the 1972 Fischer-Spassky World Championship match. The most famous song from the musical is One Night in Bangkok. The musical was considered a flop on Broadway.

Bangkok, Oriental setting
And the city don't know that the city is getting
The creme de la creme of the chess world
In a show with everything but Yul Brynner

Time flies doesn't seem a minute
Since the Tirolean spa had the chess boys in it
All change don't you know that when you
Play at this level there's no ordinary venue

It's Iceland or the Philippines or Hastings or Or this place!

One night in Bangkok and the world's your oyster
The bars are temples but the pearls ain't free
You'll find a god in every golden cloister
And if you're lucky then the god's a she
I can feel an angel sliding up to me
One town's very like another
When your head's down over your pieces, brother

It's a drag, it's a bore, it's really such a pity
To be looking at the board, not looking at the city

Whaddya mean?
Ya seen one crowded, polluted, stinking town

Tea, girls, warm, sweet Some are set up in the Somerset Maugham suite

Get thai'd, you're talking to a tourist Whose every move's among the purest I get my kicks above the waistline, sunshine

One night in Bangkok makes a hard man humble Not much between despair and ecstasy One night in Bangkok and the tough guys tumble Can't be too careful with your company I can feel the devil walking next to me

Siam's gonna be the witness
To the ultimate test of cerebral fitness
This grips me more than would a
Muddy old river or reclining Buddha

And thank God I'm only watching the game controlling it I don't see you guys rating
The kind of mate I'm contemplating
I'd let you watch, I would invite you
But the queens we use would not excite you

So you better go back to your bars, your temples Your massage parlors

One night in Bangkok and the world's your oyster The bars are temples but the pearls ain't free You'll find a god in every golden cloister A little flesh, a little history I can feel an angel sliding up to me

One night in Bangkok makes a hard man humble Not much between despair and ecstasy One night in Bangkok and the tough guys tumble Can't be too careful with your company I can feel the devil walking next to me In 1984, the German musician Manuel Goettsching (1952-) created a musical album called E2-E4, borrowing its title of a first move in chess (1.e4). The cover of the album is a black and white chess board.

In March 1984, the English pop band Prefab Strout released the album Swoon. One of the songs, "Cue Fanfare," has the line, 'In shock they stare and cue fanfare, when Bobby Fischer's plane, plane plane touches the ground, plane, plane he'll take those Russian boys, and play them out of town. Playing for blood as grandmaster should.'

In 1985, the punk band Rich Kids on LSD released the album Keep Laughing. One of the songs, "Life's a Gamble," has the line, 'Still just a pawn, I await my crown. My life lies on an old chess board.'

In 1985, Rodney Waschka II (1958-) composed Euwe Suite, based on chess games played by Max Euwe (1901-1981).

In May 1985, songwriter Suzanne Vega (1959-) released the album, Suzanne Vega. One of the songs, "Knight Moves," has the line, 'Watch while the queen, in one false move, turns herself into a pawn.'

In August 1985, the British rock band Squeeze released their album, Cosi Fan Tutti Frutti. One of the songs, "Big Beng," has the line 'I couldn't win with my thoughts forever playing chess.'

In October 1985, the German power metal band Helloween released their album Walls of Jericho. One of the songs, "Warrior," has the line, 'Somewhere in the shelter sit the men who hold your fate in hands playin' chess and you're the loser, you're a small pawn.'

In 1986, rapper Kool Moe Dee (1962-) released the album Kool Moe Dee. One of the songs, "Monster Crack," has the line, 'Using' people lie pawns I the game of chess, and he is the king, more powerful than the rest.'

In 1986, the British composer Adrian Cruft (1921-1987) wrote "Chess Pieces" for trumpet and piano. It is a 10-minute works composed of 5 short pieces called Knights, Rooks, Pawns, Bishops, and Queens & Kings.

In 1986, Michael Nyman (1944-) composed The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat. This is an opera that has a neurologist playing chess with one of his patients.

In 1986, the Argentine composer Juan Maria Solare (1966-) composed Ajedrez I y II (Chess I and II). The piece is based on a poem by Jorge Luis Borges (1899-1986) title Ajedres.

In 1987 Wolfgang von Stuermer, Dietrich Eichman, Christoph Grund, Uwe Kremp, and Reimar Volker composed Game and Earnest. It is a piece for two players performing at a chessboard. The piece was first performed on July 2, 1987 in Fribourg, Switzerland.

In 1987, John and Mirjana Lewis released the Philips album "The Chess Game." John Lewis plays the piano and Mirjana Lewis plays the harpsichord. The piece is based upon Johann Sebastian Bach's (1685-1750) Goldberg variations for the harpsichord.

In 1988, Christine Lavin (1952-) released her album, Good Thing He Can't Read My Mind. One of the songs, "Good Thing He Can't Read My Mind," has the line, "Cause he's a smoker I'm playing chess, though I confess, sometimes I long for poker.'

In 1988, a celebrity chess tournament was held in Mazatlán, Mexico. Participants included Graham Nash and Helen Reddy.

In 1988, the Broadway production of Chess opened, but it lost \$6 million and closed after 68 performances.

On May 17, 1988, the German power metal band Blind Guardian released the album Battalions of Fear. One of the songs, "Battalions of Fear," has the line, 'In earlier chess games we're playing the part of a soldier.'

On June 7, 1988, the hip hop group EPMD released the album, Strictly Business. One of the songs, "You're a Customer," has the line, 'I make a move like chess, and then I yell "checkmate."

On June 28, 1988, the hip hop group Public Enemy released their album It Takes a Nation of Millions to Hold Us Back. One of the songs, "Rebel Without a Pause," had the line, 'No matter what the name, we're all the same pieces in one big chess game.'

On October 3, 1989, the rapper MC Lyte released the album Eyes on This. One of the songs, "Throwin' Word at U," has the line, 'Any competition, checkers or chess, whatever the game, Lyte'll never fess.'

In 1990, the avant-garde rock band King Missile released their album Mystical Sh*t. One of the songs, "Wuss," has the line, 'I was into science fiction and math and chess.'

On March 29, 1990, the heavy metal band Defiance released the album Void Terra Firma. One of the songs was Checkmate ("the kings and queens send their pawns off to war"). The song was first recorded in December 1989.

On June 12, 1990, the English rock band Then Jerico released the album Reprise. One of the songs, "One Life," has the line, 'Me and Death is playing chess.'

On October 12, 1990, a ballet called "ANA" was performed based on Lewis Carroll's Through the Looking Glass. It included a chess game being played. The ballet was choreographed by Regine Chopinot 1952-) and was performed at La Coursive in La Rochelle. The first part of "ANA" opens unto a giant glass chessboard designed by Marc Caro and created with the decorator Danka

Semenowicz. The design offered around sixty spectators the opportunity to slide underneath the glass and view the dance. The performers, with helmets, dressed respectively in red overalls with white spots and white overalls with red stars, stand ready for battle on two sides, portraying the start of a game of chess. The atmosphere is that of a combat (alarms, shots, killings, etc.) The pawns create duplicates in the silvering of the mirror and through the reflection on the stage imagined by the lighting designer Gérard Boucher.

In 1991, the band Abomination released their album Tragedy Strikes. One of the songs, "Blood for Oil," has the line, 'Seasons of death, a game of chess, leaders of pawns, where do they spawn.'

On October 8, 1991, the alternative rock band They Might Be Giants released their album Miscellaneous T. One of the songs, "Hey, Mr. DJ, I Thought You Said We Had a Deal," had the line, "Chess piece face's patience.'

In November 1991, Rosemary Clooney (1928-2002) released her album For the Duration. One of the songs, "They're Either Too Young or Too Old," has the line, 'Scout unless I get a call from grandpa for a snappy game of chess.'

In 1992, the Swiss band Messiah released the album Rotten Perish. One of the songs, "Condemned Cell," has the line, 'My fate is decided life or death, I while away the time with games of chess.'

In 1992, Juan Maria Solare composed a 4.5-minute work called "Benoni for Flute, Clarinet and Violoncello."

In 1992, William Finn wrote the music and lyrics to a Broadway musical called Falsettoes. Marvin tries to teach Whizzer how to play chess, but bitterness and ill-feeling boil over ("The Chess Game"). They fight and break up.

On June 9, 1992, Pete Rock & C.L. Smooth released the album Mecca and the Soul Brother. One of the songs, "If it Ain't Rough, It Ain't Right," has the line, 'The protégé could play like chess.'

On October 5, 1992, R.E.M. released the album Automatic for the People. One of the songs, "Man on the Moon," mentions the game of life, monopoly, twenty-one, checkers, and chess. The lyrics were written by Michael Stipe (1960-).

On November 10, 1992, the band Biohazard released their album Urban Discipline. One of the songs, "Black and White and Red All Over," has the line, 'It makes no sense for us to be pawns in the chess game that the media plays.'

In 1993, the punk rock band MDC released the album Shades of Brown. One of the songs, "Shades of Brown," has the line, 'In chess, without exception, white moves the first pawn.'

In 1993, the Swedish synthpop-band S.P.O.C.K. released the album, Five Year Mission. One of the songs, "Charlie X," has the line, 'He fell in love with Yeoman, played chess with Spock, but he couldn't win those game.'

In 1993, Nik Kershaw (1958-) released his album The Best of Nik Kershaw. One of the songs, "Progress," has the line, 'When you're beaten at chess by your digital watch, that's progress!'

In 1993, Ake Parmerud (1953-) composed "Jeux Imaginaires." It is a musical piece based upon the 22nd game of the 1992 world chess championship between Karpov and Kasparov. "Jeux imaginaires" was created in 1993 at the Charybde studio of the Groupe de musique expérimentale de Bourges (GMEB, France). The piece was commissioned by the (GMEB). Jeux imaginaires was awarded the Prize of the Stockholm Electronics Arts Award in 1993.

On May 4, 1993, the hip hop band The Coup released the album, Kill My Landlord. One of the songs, "I Ain't the N----," has the line, 'The system is a chess game with pawns all the same.'

On July 6, 1993, rapper Akinyele (1970-) released the album Vagina Diner. One of the songs, "Checkmate," has the line, 'I play you like a game of chess and keep you in check, Checkmate.'

On July 8, 1993, Akinyele (1970-), an American rapper, released Vagina Diner. One of the songs was "Checkmate" (I play you like a game of chess).

On August 24, 1993, Annihilator released Set the World on Fire. One of the songs on the album was "Knight Jumps Queen," with many chess references. The lyrics were written by Jeff Waters. Good evening and welcome to a test of the minds

This match begins as our thoughts begin to grind

I send a pawn towards you, a subtle piece of my attack

Pondering the next move, I guess you'll never know unless you try It

Knight jumps queen if you know what I mean

Anticipation of the final scene

Knight jumps queen, so get prepared

For this checkmate has been happily declared

As the knight jumps the queen

You have made selections, a white castle crumbles at your feet

To Counter the men in black, your moves must all be elite

A bishop takes a rook and this cuts him down to size

This is no tailor-made situation

I guess I have some real competition for once

Knight jumps queen if you know what I mean

Anticipation of the final scene

Knight jumps...

On November 9, 1993, the hip hop group Wu-Tang Clan released Enter the Wu-Tang (36 Chambers). One of the songs "Da Mystery of Chessboxin," has the line, 'The game of chess is like a sword fight. You must think first before you move."

On November 22, 1993, the British rock band Jethro Tull released their album Nightcap. One of the songs, "Solitaire," has the line 'and every night his act's the same, and so it must be all a game of chess he's playing.'

In 1994, the Scottish composer and songwriter Dougle MacLean (1954-) released the CD, "Marching Mystery." The title track was dedicated to the Lewis Chessmen.

On January 10, 1994, the German thrash metal band Sodom released their album, Get What You Deserve. One of the songs, "Unbury the Hatchet," has the line, "Raging generals, serious games, they don't know what is really going on, Like a clever move in a game of chess.'

On March 26, 1994, the pop group Bad Boys Blue released their album To Blue Horizons. One of the songs, "It Was Only Love," has the line, 'I was the only move it seems in her game of chess.'

In September 1994, Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen (1986-), also known as the Olsen twins, starred in a musical mystery series. One episode, The Case of the Logical I Ranch, had them singing a song called "Nothing to Do." One of the lines was, 'played four games of checkers, three games of chess, two of Monopoly, more or less.'

On September 20, 1994, the rapper Craig Mack (1970-2018) released the album Project: Funk da World. One of the songs, "Judgement Day," has the line, 'In the chess game of rap, MC's ain't nothin' but a pawn.'

On November 8, 1994, Pete Rock & C.L. Smooth released the album The Main Ingredient. One of the songs, "I Got a Love," has the line, 'You want a slow wind under my ceiling fan, read books and beat me at chess.'

On November 15, 1994, rapper Method Man (1971-) released his first studio album called Tical. One of the songs, "Meth vs. Chef," has the lines, "Tack you like chess moves best move,' and "Tack the boards like chess moves.' Another song, "Mr. Sandman," has the line, 'A day at me rest, playing chess, yes.'

In 1995, the Canadian pop rock band Wild Strawberries released the album, Heroine. One of the songs, "I Don't Want to Think About It," has the line, 'I'll be wearing Middleton's lace, It's as sterile as chess.'

In 1995, the American punk band Antischism released their album, Antischism. One of the songs, "Foreign Policy," has the line, 'playing chess in Central American.'

In 1995, the English band Sol Invictus released their album In The Rain. One of its songs, "Believe Me," has the line 'The gods above and the gods below, playing chess for her soul.'

On February 7, 1995, Ol' Dirty Bastard (1968-2004) released the album Brooklyn Zoo. One of the

songs, "Give It to Ya Raw," has the line, 'Keep MCs in check like a game of chess.'

On March 21, 1995, the alternative rock band Morphine released their album Yes. It included a song called "Radar," which had the line 'You played me like a chess game and now you say checkmate.'

On March 28, 1995, the soundtrack New Jersey Drive, Vol. 1 was released. The soundtrack came from the music in the crime drama film, New Jersey Drive, released in April 1995. One of the songs, "Benz or Beamer," performed by the hip hop duo OutKast (Andre 000 and Big Boi), has the line, 'Chess, I never played, but made many a moves.'

On May 30, 1995, the hip hop duo Show and A.G. released the album Goodfellas. One of the songs, "Next Level," has the line, 'I'm not the best, but I give you stress to flatter me your strategy gotta be more complex than chess.'

On November 7, 1995, rapper GZA (1966-) released the album Liquid Swords. One of the songs, "Gold," has the line, 'a kingpin just castled with his rook and lost a pawn.'

In 1996, Wally Pleasant released the album Wally World. One of the songs, "Let's Play Life," has the line, 'Baby, next time, let's play life, (Checkers), No, no, no, (Chess) Moves way too slow.'

In 1996, an opera called "Sketches of Chess" was written by Dr. Murielle Lucie Clement. It is a short opera for two sopranos and a chessboard. The libretto is based upon a chess game between Ljubomir Ljubojevic and Garry Kasparov in 1987 at the Swift Blitz tournament in Brussels. Ljubojevic defeated Kasparov in this game and tied Kasparov for first place in the tournament. (source: "The Great Chess Opera," ChessBase News, Oct 1, 2003)

In 1996, Juan Maria Solare composed a 20-minute work called "Diez Estudios Escenicos." One of the scenes is titled "Chessgame." Two actors pretend to play chess without the use of props, accompanied by the violin and double bass.

In 1996, the heavy metal band Pro-Pain released their album Contents Under Pressure. One of the songs, "Crush," has the line 'If less means more, then more means less, I'm just a little white pawn in a game of chess.'

On Feb 13, 1996, the hip hop group Fugees released their album The Score. One of the songs, "Ready or Not," has the line, 'I play my enemies like a game of chess, where I rest, no stress.'

On March 1, 1996, the German power metal band Helloween released their album The Time of the Oath. One of the songs, "Anything My Mama Don't Like," has the line 'playing chess with tomorrow I'm anything my mama don't like.'

On April 22, 1996, the English metal band Cradle of Filth released the Extend Play (EP) Vempire: Dark Faerytales in Phallustein. One of the songs, "Queen of Winter, Throned," has the line, 'with

Death at chess, their pawns are many and the enemy powerless.' The lyrics were written by Dani Filth (1973-).

On May 6, 1996, the English Britpop band Sleeper released their album The It Girl. One of the songs, "Shrinkwrapped," has the line, 'Then we watch the spooks on the news playing chess with the cynics.'

On June 18, 1996, the hip hop group Boot Camp Clik released the album Nocturnal. One of the songs, "Operation Lockdown." Has the line, 'they transform to chess pieces on fake grounds, never spare clowns, Ruck and Rock be the rooks, hold the square down.' The song was performed by the duo Heltah Skeltah (Ruck and Rook).

On September 16, 1996, DJ Shadow (1972-) released his album Endtroducing. One of the songs is called "Changeling," with the line 'rained 40 nights, played lots of chess."

In 1997, the Canadian indie rock band released the Extended Play, Buddy Holly Convention. One of the lines is, 'are you on the way to the chess club today?'

In 1997, Ed Hale (1974-) released the album Acoustic in New York. One of the songs, "Stay," has the line, 'Confucius look it up, chess boards patters when I hook it up.'

In 1997, the punk rock band No Use for a Name released the album, Making Friends. One of the songs, "Sidewalk," has the line, 'We're all pieces in a chess game, He's a pawn.'

In 1997, Mike Watt (1957-) released the album Contemplating the Engine Room. One of the songs, "The Boilerman," has the line, 'history, facts and names, we'd set it up just like a chess game.'

In 1997, the German film Bandits and its soundtrack album was released. One of the songs, song by Jasmin Tabatabai (1967), was "Another Sad Song," which had the line, 'buy a band new dress or learn a useful game like chess.'

In 1997, rapper C-BO (1972-) released the album Hardh Game for the People. One of the songs, "Behind the Scenes," has the line, 'Now who makes moves like chess?' The song was performed by Jiboh.

In 1997, the English rock band Seraphim Shock released their album, Red Silk Vow. One of its songs, "God of the World," has a line 'Jesus and me been playin' some chess, it doesn't matter who wins.'

On March 18, 1997, the Australian indie rock group, The Whitlams, released their album, Eternal Nightcap. One of the songs, "Gough," has the line, 'Come over have dinner with me, we'll play chess and drink claret.'

On March 25, 1997, They Might be Giants, a band from New York City, released Then – the Earlier Years. One of the songs on the album was called "Chess Piece Face."

On July 8, 1997, the rock band Smash Mouth released the album Fush Yu Mang. One of the songs, "Padrino," has the line, 'Life imitates the game of chess, you can be the rook or the pawn, but if you have the strategy that's best, you can be the king.'

On July 27, 1997, the band called Isildurs Bane released their album MIND Volume I. Throughout the song, the moves of a chess game are recited.

On August 26, 1997, rapper Diamond D (1968-) released the album Hatred, Passions, and Infidelity. One of the songs, "Gather Round," has the line, 'Life's a game of chess and I play like a Russian.'

On October 28, 1997, the hip hop group The Hot Boys released the album Get It How U Live! One of the songs, "Take It Off Your Shoulder," has the line, 'Playin a chess game, gotta keep my eye on this mate.' The song was performed by the rapper Juvenile (1975-).

On November 11, 1997, rapper Mystikal (1970-) released the album Unpredictable. One of the songs, "Born 2 Be a Soldier," has the line, 'playing live chess game with the chain.'

On November 18, 1997, Metallica released Reload. One of the songs is Where the Wild Things Are. It has the line, "Toy horses start the charge; Robots, chessmen standing guard."

In 1998, the rock band Servotron released the album, Entertainment Program for Humans (Second Variety). One of the songs, "Deep Blue, Congratulations," has several references to chess.

Designed by IBM
The ultimate chess master
Solitary objective to win

Can a man out think a machine? Inconceivable! Is a machine superior to man? Undeniable!

The last intellectual frontier
Humanity must defend
The oldest recorded game
Gary feels the pressure to win

Can a man...

Your move!

Mental frustration
Demanding printouts
Human limitations
Your move
The characteristics of a man
Beaten by its own creation

The results are in

The computer has won
Mr Kasparov
Let me suggest you try playing checkers
In 1998, rapper X-Raided (1974-) released the album, Unforgiven. One of the songs, "Whatever It Took," has the line, 'Checkin' them n---a like a chess board.'

In 1998, Philips released a series of CDs called "Great Pianists of the 20th Century." Included was a CD devoted to Mark Taimanov and his wife, Lyubov, playing suites for two pianos.

On April 7, 1998, rapper C-Murder (1971-) released the soundtrack album I Got the Hook Up the film of the same name. One of the songs, "Would You Hesitate," has the line, 'Life is complicated like a game of chess, anticipating checkmate is like waiting for death.'

On April 7, 1998, rapper AZ (1972-) released the album Pieces of Man. One of the songs, "Love is Love," has the line, 'It's all a chess game, choose sides.'

On April 28, 1998, the hip hop group Public Enemy released their album He Got Game. One of the songs, "Game Face," has the line, 'Hip hop's like a chess game, discussin' the warr, strategize, move like masterminds.'

On June 16, 1998, the band Ozomatli released the album Ozomatli. One of the songs, "Coming War," has the line, 'Are you a soldier who fights against fraud, or pawns in this game on this government's chess board?'

On June 16, 1998, the rapper McGruff (1974-) released his album, Destined to Be. One of the songs, "Freestyle," has the line, 'Let's go back, when I used to chess.'

On September 22, 1998, rapper Ras Kass (1973-) released the album Rasassination. One of the songs, "Ice Age," has the line, 'We all pawns in the game, but every pawn got his personal chess board. But how many pieces can you afford?'

On November 10, 1998, rapper Pete Rock (1970-) released the album Soul Survivor. One of the songs, "It's About That Time," has the line 'Let my words express, move men line chess.'

On November 17, 1998, rapper LA the Darkman (1980-) released the album Heist of the

Century. One of the songs, "Element of Surprise," has the line, 'Life is a game of chess (you play the pawn).'

On December 6, 1998, the British doom metal band Cathedral released their album, Caravan Beyond Redemption. One of the songs, "Omega Man," has the line, 'chess against the world.'

On December 22, 1998, the rapper DMX (1970-) released the album Flesh of My Flesh, Blood of My Blood. One of the songs, "Blackout," has the line, 'I like to play chess and I swing the revolver.'

In 1999, Wu-Syndicate released the album Wu-Syndicate. One of the songs, "Wings of Life," mentions a chess board.

In 1999, Jason Webley (1974-) released the album Against the Night. One of the songs, "Winter," has the line, 'just a game of chess where ancient gods and devils fight.'

In 1999, The Vandals recorded a song called "To All the Kids" for the album Short Music for Short People. One of the lines in the song is 'Chess club contenders with speculative genders.'

In 1999, the Canadian band Unexpect released their album, Utopia. One of the songs, "Ethereal Dimensions," has the line, 'pawns of this futile gods-mode of chess.'

In 1999, Juan Maria Solare composed "Zugzwang." It is subtitled "Fifteen authentic miniatures about the strategy of chess" for quartet: violin, alto saxophone, double bass, and piano. The work was dedicated to grandmaster Lothar Schmid (1928-2013).

On January 26, 1999, the band Flotsam and Jetsam released their album, Unnatural Selection. One of the songs, "Way to Go," has the line, 'a bone-breaking game of chess.'

On April 6, 1999, rapper Krayzie Bone (1973-) released the album, Thug Mentality 1999. One of the songs, "Thugline," has the line, 'I got my mind just like chess, and I concentrate of every move.'

On May 18, 1999, rapper Andre Nickatina (1970-) released the album Tears of a Clown. One of the songs, "Sun Duck Kim," has the line, 'chess, concentrate before you take a step.'

On May 25, 1999, Slick Rick (1965-), a British-American rapper, released the album The Art of Storytelling. One of the songs on the album is King Piece in the Chess Game.

On July 13, 1999, Jay-Z (1969-) released the album Black Gangster. One of the songs, "This Life Forever," has the line, 'Poppa raised me to chess moves.'

On July 21, 1999, the Swedish progressive rock band Pain of Salvation released the album One Hour by the Concrete Lake. One of the songs, "Handful of Nothing," has the line, 'Lethal moves

in a game of chess for the depraved. King or Pawn? Are you worth to save?'

On July 22, 1999, the American heave metal band Metal Church released their album Masterpeace. One of their songs, "All Your Sorrows," has the line 'When I press this game of chess, I always end with something less.'

On September 7, 1999, the rapper Jeru the Damaja (1972-) released the album Neroz4hire. One of the songs, "Seinfeld," has the line, 'Makin moves like a chess wiz.'

On September 24, 1999, John Mayer (1977-) released his debut Extended Play (EP) Inside Wants Out. One of the songs, "My Stupid Mouth," has the line, 'a quick game of chess with the salt and pepper shaker.'

On November 9, 1999, E-40 (1967-) released the album Charlie Hustle: The Blueprint of a Self-Made Millionaire. One of the songs, "Earl That's Yo' Life," has the line, 'We don't play checkers no more, we play chess.'

On November 9, 1999, Helloween released their album Metal Jukebox. One of the songs, "Juggernaut," has the line, 'Superpowers play chess along a board with people as pieces, taking human life, just like they're only sacrificing a pawn.'

On November 16, 1999, Will Smith released the album Willennium. One of the songs, Freakin' It, mentions chess (Every time I shoot I score, so many awards I can start a Grammy chess board). Will Smith is a chess player.

In 2000, the English punk rock band Toy Dolls released their album, Anniversary Anthems. One of the songs, "Dorkamania," has the line, 'Grand world class chess champions, the wally worship these.'

In 2000, Sting invited Garry Kasparov to play simultaneously against him and his band in New York City. Kasparov won all 5 games easily.

On January 1, 2000, indie hip hop artist Illogic (1980-) released the album, Unforeseen Shadows. One of the songs, "Hate in a Puddle," has the line, 'To carry on as a pawn in this chess game.'

On February 8, 2000, the hip hop duo Dead Prez released the album Let's Get Free. One of the songs, "Mind Sex," has the line, 'Later we can play a game of chess on the futon.'

On February 22, 2000, the Swedish punk rock band Millencolin released their album Pennybridge Pioneers. One of the songs, "Devil Me," has the line, 'I watch hockey, basketball, play chess.'

On June 20, 2000, Mr. Serv-On (1969-) released the album War is Me, Pt. 1: Battle Decisions.

One of the songs, "Last Dayz," has the line, 'But I make moves like a chess play why'all then I handles mine.'

On May 15, 2000, Dr. Feelgood, a British pub rock band, released an album called Chess Masters.

On May 16, 2000, the band They Might Be Giants released an extended play (EP) record called Working Undercover for the Man. One of the songs, "Rest Awhile," has the line 'I became friendly with Ruy Lopez, the author of works on chess, Ruy said you're incorrect, he cut me off.'

On June 6, 2000, the hardcore punk band 98 Mute released their album, Slow Motion Riot. One of the songs, "Wounds," has the line, 'Paranoid am I an android, A checker in a game of chess.'

On June 13, 2000, the hip hop group Slum Village released the album Fantastic, Vol. 2. One of the songs, "Go Ladies," has the line, 'Come over to my place, we can play chess.'

On October 17, 2000, the hip hop trio Deltron 3030 released the album Deltron 3030. One of the songs, "Battlesong," has the line, 'Be strategic like a chess game.'

On October 24, 2000, the Christian rock band *Newsboys* released the album Shine: The Hits. One of the songs, "Mega-Mix," has the line, 'Back when the chess club said our eggs were soft.'

On October 24, 2000, rapper Afu-Ra (1974-) released his first album, Body of the Life Force. One of the songs, "Quotations," had the line, 'Corner ya brain, like a game of chess.'

November 21, 2000, Wu-Tang Clan released the album, The W. One of the songs, "Protect Ya Neck," has the line, 'Why y'all might just catch me in the park playing chess.'

On November 21, 2000, B.G. (1980-), an American rapper, released an album called Checkmate.

In 2001, the hip hop group Arsonists released the album Date of Birth. One of the songs, "Alive," has the line, 'I've played many times with the chess master, lost some of my pawns."

In 2001, John Williams (1932) wrote the score to the song called "The Chess Game," that was in the original motion picture soundtrack of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.

On February 27, 2001, American singer-songwriter Duncan Sheik (1969-) released the album Phantom Moon. One of the songs is called "Mr. Chess." One of the lines is "We'll spend our Christmas playing Wizard Chess."

On March 5, 2001, the Swedish black metal band Marduk released the album, La Grande Danse Macrabre. One of the songs, "La Grande Danse Macrabre," has the line, 'and as a pawn in a game of chess you stand.'

May 13, 2001, the rock band Clutch released the album Pure Rock Fury. One of the songs, "Careful with That Mic," has the line, 'Oh, but I digress, you play sorry, I play chess, King's pawn to b3, checkmate.'

On May 14, 2001, the American rock band R.E.M. released their album Reveal. One of the songs, "She Just Wants to Be," had the line, "pomegranate afternoons Mingus, Chet Baker and chess.'

On May 15, 2001, rapper Missy Elliott (1971-) released an album called Miss E...So Addictive. One of her songs, "Checkin' for You," refers to playing a game of chess and that a real queen needs a king. The song also appeared on her 2008 album, Da Read World/Supa Dupa Fly.

On May 31, 2001, the Bulgarian guitarist Nikolo Kotzev (1961-) released the album Nikolo Kotzev's Nostrdamus. One of the songs, "Eagle," has the line, 'He is a chess master, who's opponent happens to be the rest of humanity.'

On June 5, 2001, John Mayer released Room for Squares. One of the songs on the album was called "My Stupid Mouth," which has a line, 'I played a quick game of chess with the salt and pepper shaker.'

On June 12, 2001, rapper AZ (1972-) released the album 9 Lives. One of the songs, "What Cha Day About," has the line, 'Playing chess in the park."

On July 31, 2001, the hip hop duo Tha Dogg Pound (Kurupt and Daz Dillinger) released the album 2002. One of the songs, "Don't Stop," has the line, 'Mr. Makaveli movin' pieces like telekinesis; It's like a chess game, let's play wit' real pieces.' The song was produced by Daz Dillinger (1973-), featuring 2Pac (1971-1996). The song also appeared in the 2006 album, Pac's Life.

On September 4, 2001, the rapper Mr. Shadow released the song "Money Klip." It has the line, 'Responsible for every move like a chess game.'

On September 25, 2001, Bruce Dickinson (1958-) released his album, The Best of Bruce Dickinson. One of the songs, "Broken," has a line, 'I am not a pawn, this is not a game of chess.'

On October 2, 2001, the heavy metal band Machine Head released the album Supercharger. One of the songs, "Kick You Whne Your're Down," has the line, 'give up you gotta play like a master of chess.'

On October 3, 2001, the hip hop group Dilated Peoples released the album Expansion Team. One of the songs, "Night Life," has the line, 'Kings remained in chess on the board and life in thrones.'

On October 16, 2001, the hip hop group Freestyle Fellowship released the album Temptations.

One of the songs, "Freestyle Dedication," has the line, 'I starts to zone, I play chess with Aceyalone.'

On November 20, 2001, Too \$hort (1966-) released the album Chase the Cat. One of the songs, "This How We Eat," has the line, 'Life is a game of chess, who plays the best is the last one that's laid to rest.'

On December 4, 2001, the hip hop group Cypress Hill released the album Stoned Raiders. One of the songs, "Southland Killers," has the line, 'It's all real; I bet fame; it's a chess game. Wrong move and it's checkmate.'

In 2002, Nakatomi Plaza released the album Private Property. One of the songs, "Our Hero Exits Stage Left..." has the line, 'you've all been pawns in my chess game.'

In 2002, Millencolin released the album Kemp. One of the songs, "The Downhill Walk," has a reference to chess.

On May 6, 2002, the indie rock band Bright Eyes released the Extended Play (EP) There Is No Beginning to the Story. One of the songs, "From a Balance Beam," has the line, 'Still, I was helpless as a chess piece when I was lifted up by someone's had.'

On May 21, 2002, the hip hop duo Camp Lo released the album, Let's Do It Again. One of the songs, "Soul Train," has the line, 'we on the pigeon hit show them what they dealing with, couple chess move and the Skin City blues quick.'

On July 11, 2002, Hayes Carll (1976-) released his debut album, Flowers & Liquor. One of the songs, "Naked Checkers," has the line, 'Well you like checkers, and I like chess.'

In August 2002, the indie pop band Future Bible Heroes released the album Eternal Youth. One of the songs, "Losing Your Affection," has the line, 'I would rather be king when the rooks take wing.'

On September 24, 2002, the rapper Tech N9ne (1971-) released the album Absolute Power. One of the songs, "Frekly Lil Things," has the line, 'Another mate I can check on chess was best for less demeanor.'

On October 1, 2002, rapper Xzibit (1974-) released the album Man vs. Machine. One of the songs, "(Hit U) Where it Hurts," has the line, 'It's a chess game n----, better count ya spaces.'

On October 8, 2002, the hip hop group Boot Camp Clik released the album The Chosen Few. One of songs, "Just Us," has the line, 'Aha, I come on, I play chess when I'm rappin.'

On November 26, 2002, Busta Rhymes (1972-) released his album It Ain't Safe No More. One of the songs, "What Do You Do When You're Branded," has the line, 'Kill that n---- slow like how

you got defeated in chess.'

In 2003, the Finnish band ...And Oceans (now Havoc Unit) released the album The Dynamic Gallery of Thoughts. One of the songs, "The Black Vagabond and the Swan of Two Heads," has the line 'And there I was in the middle of a game of chess.'

On June 21, 2003, the American rock band Harry and the Potters released an album called Harry and the Potters. One of the songs is "Wizard Chess."

On August 19, 2003, Ian Anderson (1947-) released his album Rupi's Dance. One of the songs, "A Raft of Penguins," has the line, 'Hushed room maids glide like pawns to king, with pool attendants in chess piece array.'

On August 26, 2003, the rap quartet Nappy Roots released the album Wooden Leather. One of the songs, "Work in Progress," has the line, 'Every step you take, every right every left you make, you can look at it like chess in a way.'

On October 7, 2003, the hip-hop duo Non-Prophets (Sage Francis and Joe Beats) released the album Hope. One of the songs, "The Cure," has the line, 'dead set on checkmates embracing a chess set.'

On October 7, 2003, RZA (1969-) released the album Birth of a Prince. One of the songs, "The Drop Off," has the line, 'We play the corners like the castles on a chess board.'

On October 28, 2003, the American rock band The Strokes released their album, Room on Fire. One of the songs is "What Ever Happened?" with the line, 'I wait and tell myself, life ain't chess.'

On November 18, 2003, the Red Hot Chili Peppers released their Greatest Hits album. One of the new songs was Fortune Faded. The first line is "They say in chess, you gotta kill the queen and then you mate it."

In 2004, Hugh Cornwell (1949-) released his album, Beyond Elysian Fields. One of the songs, "Under Her Spell," has the line, 'So you think that you found happiness amongst the traffic in the game of chess.'

In 2003, Akir released the album Street Edition, vol. 1-2. One of the songs, "One," has the line, 'wipe the chess board clean of my enemy pawns.'

On April 20, 2004, the American electronic band Freezepop released an album called Fancy Ultra-Fresh. One of the songs is called "Chess King." The lyrics were written by Kasson Crooker.

In June 2004, Italian-Belgian singer Lara Fabian (1970-) released the album A Wonderful Life. In one of the songs, "I've Cried Enough," there is the line, 'Life's a big game of chess.'

On June 1, 2004, Masta Killa (1969-) released the album No Said Date. One of the songs, "Digi Warfare," has the line, 'a chess contest, leave a little stress.'

On June 7, 2004, the Finnish symphonic metal band Nightwish released the album Once. One of the songs, "Romanticide," has the line, 'To take part in this devil's chess.'

On June 14, 2004, the German band Soehne Mannheims released the album Noiz. One of the songs, "Traurige Lieder," has the line, 'I was caught between a game of chess.'

On June 15, 2004, the hip hop group Hangar 18 released the album Multi-Platinum Debut Album. One of the songs, "Take No Chances," has the line, 'looks upon the chess board dancin.'

On July 27, 2004, the country band Old 97's released their album, Drag It Up. One of the songs, "Friends Forever," has the line, 'I was in the chess club.'

On August 10, 2004, rapper Shyne (1979-) released the album Godfather Buried Alive. One of the songs, "Jimmy Choo," has the line, 'like me its chess when I clap 'em up.' Another song, "Martyr," has the line, 'Play chess with the devil from the sky.'

On September 21, 2004, hip hop artist Jean Grae (1976-) released the album This Week. One of the songs, "Not Like Me," has the line, 'Play a little chess strip.'

On October 26, 2004, the American band Son, Ambulance released their album, Key. One of the songs, "Taxi-Cab Driver," has the line 'You were the chess game I thought better unwon.'

November 9, 2004, rapper Ja Rule (1976-) released the album R.U.L.E. One of the songs, "Last of the Mohicans," has the line, 'Tied to they Lebron's, the game we play is chess.'

On November 30, 2004, T.I. released the album Urban Legend. One of the songs, "Bring Em Out," has the line, 'And quick to check a lame like a game of chess.' In 2005, the song was also a part of the album, Instrumental Icons: Street's Favorites.

In 2005, the punk band Driving East released the album A Black Eye or a Broken Heart. One of the songs, "Something Left to Save," has the line, 'In this chess game, it's my chance to move. Far from all disaster, and far from queens like you.'

In 2005, Chris Rice released his album, Amusing. One of the songs, "The Final Move," has the line, 'Saw an old guy today, staring long at a chess game, looked like it was half-played, then his tear splashed between the bishop and the king.'

In 2005, Papoose (1978-), an American rapper, released the album called Chess with the title song called Chess.

In 2005, DJ Naughty released the album, DJ Naughty Presents One Night in Berlin. One of the

songs, "Budapest," has the line, 'An iced game of chess melting in Budapest.'

On March 3, 2005, the rapper 50 Cent (1975-) released the album The Massacre. One of the songs, "Piggy Bank," has the line, 'This is chess not checkers, these are warning shots; After your next move I'll give you what I got.'

On May 24, 2005, Common (1972-) released the album Be. One of the songs, "They Say," has the line, 'Played chess in this game of pawns and knights.'

On June 7, 2005, the progressive metal band Shadow Gallery released the album Room V. One of the songs, "Rain," has the line, 'Chess moves in silence glacial patience under gun.'

On June 14, 2005, rapper Afu-Ra (1974-) released the album, State of the Arts. One of the songs, "God of Rap," has the line, 'Hit the block with it, chess boxin' it.'

On June 21, 2005, rapper Canibus (1974-) released the album Mind Control. One of the songs, "Last Laugh," has the line, 'Beef with 'Bis is like playing chess without the pieces.'

On June 21, 2005, Billy Corgan (1967-) released his album, TheFutureEmbrace. One of the songs, "Strayz," has the line, 'I play chess from both sides now.'

On August 23, 2005, rapper Maceo released the album Straight Out da Pot. One of the songs, "God's Soldier," has the line, 'life as a game of chess 'cause every move is critical in this life of stress.'

On August 30, 2005, rapper Tony Yayo (1978-) released the album Thoughts of a Predicate Felon. One of the songs, "Project Princess," has the line, 'Every man need a woman when his life is a mess, 'cause the queen can take a king like a game of chess.'

On September 13, 2005, rapper Paul Wall (1981-) released the album The People's Champ. One of the songs, "Ridin' Dirty," has the line, 'I peeped game from the best, and since then I been playin' chess.' Another song, "Trill," has the line, 'I trained for chess moves, I'm five steps ahead.' Another song on the album, "March N' Step," has the line, 'I'm Bobby Fischer on the mic making chess moves, this sucker's playing checkers simple destined to lose.' Yet another son, "Big Ballin'" has the line, 'I keep my mind on breakin' bread, makin' chess moves, thinkin' ahead; I soaked up game at an early age, I'm built for this, I'm a seasoned vet.'

On September 26, 2005, Jamie Cullum (1979-) released the album, Catching Tales. One of the songs, "Get Your Way," has the line, 'Queen takes pawn, check or checkmate.'

On September 27, 2005, rapper Mack 10 (1971-) released the album Hustla's Handbook. One of the songs, "Like This," has the line, 'Homie this ain't checkers, this is a game of chess.'

On October 25, 2005, DJ Muggs and GZA released a collaborative album called Grandmasters.

The theme of the album was chess. Some of the tracks had names like "Opening," "Exploitation of Mistakes," "General Principles," "Queen's Gambit," "Advance Pawns," "Unstoppable Threats," "Unprotected Pieces," and "Smothered Mate."

On November 11, 2005, the Swedish guitarist Roine Stolt (1956-) released the album Wall Street Voodoo. One of the songs, "Spirit of the Rebel," has the line, 'set for a good old-fashioned game of chess.'

On January 24, 2006, the musical group Electric President released their album, S/T. One of the songs, "Grand Machine No. 12," has the line, 'Chess pieces in some grandiose scheme.'

On March 21, 2006, the American punk band Anti-Flag released their album, For Blood and Empire. One of the songs, "State Funeral," has the line 'After years of this are we still all content? With being pawns in war game chess shuffled by King George.'

On April 10, 2006, the Swedish punk band Raised Fist released their album Sound of the Republic. The song, "Sound of the Republic," has the line, 'Bringing all your friends in just to make a mess; moving all your pawns in just like a game of chess.'

On May 2, 2006, Rat City Riot released their album, Dirty Rotten Games. One of the songs, "Reality TV, has the line, 'Human lives in a game of chess, the time has come now, sacrifice our best.'

On June 28, 2006, Trick Daddy (1974-) released the album Da Bottom Vol. 9. One of the songs, "Gangsta S---," has the line, 'Better understand the game, it's chess not checkers.'

On September 26, 2006, "Weird Al" Yankovic (1959-) released the album Straight Outta Lynwood. One of the songs, "White & Nerdy," has the line, 'I was in AV club and Glee club and even the chess team!'

On October 17, 2006, rapper Xzibit (1974-) released the album Full Circle. One of the songs, "Thank You," has the line, 'I play chess, not checkers, but this is not a game.'

On November 7, 2006, the rock band Bowling for Soup released the album The Great Burrito Extortion Case. One of the songs, "High School Never Ends," has the line, 'Bill Gates, captain of the chess team.'

On November 14, 2006, The Game (1979-) released the album Doctor's Advocate. One of the songs, "Da S^{***} ," has the line, 'And you don't wanna play chess on a time clock.'

In 2007, Rivers Cuomo (1970-), of the rock ban Weezer, released an album called Alone: The Home Recordings of Rivers Cuomo. One of the songs is called "Chess." It has the line, 'Chess is such a difficult game. There are so many pieces, So many squares where you can go. So few promises.'

In 2007, Adisa Banjoko founded the Hip-Hop Chess Federation (HHCF).

In 2007, the band 77 South released their album, Open the Pod Door Hal. One of the songs, "A Country Song," has references to the white King and the game of chess.

On November 6, 2007, the rapper Cassidy (1971-) released the album B.A.R.S. One of the songs, "Leanin' on the Lord," has the line, 'He realized life is like playin' a chess game.'

On November 27, 2007, the German rock band Scorpions released their album Deadliest Stings: Greatest Hits. One of the songs, "Walking on Edge," has the line, 'For you, life is just like chess, If you don't move, you'll lose the game like this.'

On December 4, 2007, the rapper Styles P (1974-) released the album, Super Gangster (Extraordinary Gentleman). One of the songs, "Star of the State," has the line, 'King and the queen die, just like chess time.'

On December 11, 2007, the hip hop group Wu-Tang Clan released the album 8 Diagrams. One of the songs, "Life Changes," has the line, 'You was the chess piece on the board that made us look true.' Another song, "Weak Spot," has many references to chess.

I stay on the 64 squares, while patrolling the center

Trading space from material, the time zone, I enter

It's calculated by movement, from pushed pieces

Advancements and development, once the pawn reaches

To 8th ranked, now heavily armed with a tank

My opponent's base is threatened, soldiers cut with shanks

Moved all my small pieces, MC's are driven back

Unable to avoid capture from the attack

Such movement, is naturally quite unsound

Men is badly placed upon dangerous grounds

Loosening their position, before they were strongly posted

Before the double rooks had approached it

They must of been quick to ignore the principles

Rock a V and an effective God is invincible

A strategic plan, just the way I envisioned it

Many fallen soldiers in complete imprisonment

On December 4, 2007, Haitian rapper Wyclef Jean (1969-) released the album Carnival, Vol. II: Memoirs of an Immigrant. One of the songs, "Slow Down," has the line, 'To win at chess, you've got to trap the king.'

In 2008, Conejo (1974-) released an album called Welcome to Rome. One of the songs is called "Pawns in a Chess Game."

On March 11, 2008, Snoop Dog (1971-) released the album Ego Trippin.' One of the songs,

"Whateva U Do," has the line, 'I play chess checkmate him in the street.'

On April 22, 2008, the indie rock band Tokyo Police Club released their album, Elephant Shell. One of the songs, "Your English is Good," has the line, 'Across this black and white chess board.'

On April 28, 2008, the English band Cajun Dance Party released their only studio album. One of the songs was "Amylase," which had the line 'Let's save this game for never or you know this could be chess forever.'

On April 28, 2008, the rock band Half Man Half Biscuit released their album, CSI: Ambleside. One of the songs is called "Bad Losers on Yahoo! Chess."

On May 6, 2008, the American band From First to Last released their album From First to Last. One of the songs on the album, "Medicinal Reality," has the line, 'I've been searching for hope to find something more than just pawns in a chess game.'

On June 17, 2008, the punk rock band The Briggs released the album Come All You Madmen. One of the songs, "Mad Men," has a reference to a chess board.

On September 9, 2008, the band Gym Class Heroes released the album The Quilt. One of the songs, "Life Father, Like Son," has the line, 'I sat back and watched pops play with women lie chess, checkmate.'

On September 9, 2008, the punk band United Nations released their album United Nations. One of the songs, "My Cold War," has the line, 'all you robots, all you highly paid chess machines.'

In 2009, Peter von Poehl (1972-) released his album May Day. One of the songs, "Wombara," has the line, 'The gravediggers laughed at dawn, playing chess with the buds.'

On February 24, 2009, rapper Joe Budden (1980-) released the album Padded Room. One of the songs, "Adrenaline," has the line, 'It's a thinking man's world, s--- is chess to me. Let the king move.'

On August 31, 2009, rapper Trey Songz (1984) released the album Ready. One of the songs, "Brand New," has the line, 'I play it cool, just like chess, I know the rules, and, I bet I checkmate her in like 4 moves.'

On September 29, 2009, Mariah Carey (1969-) released the album Memoirs of an Imperfect Angel. One of the songs, "Candy Bling," has the line, About the game we played; it was tag, chess, spin the bottle.'

On October 9, 2009, English rapper Chipmunk (1990-) released the album I Am Chipmunk. One of the songs, "History," has the line, 'I make the best I'm surrounding, but all on board like chess to a crown king.'

On October 26, 2009, the Danish pop band Alphabeat released the album The Spell. One of the songs is called "Chess" with the line "Baby let's quit playing chess."

On December 21, 2009, the company Young Money Entertainment released the album We Are Young Money. One of the songs, "Pass the Dutch," has the line, 'Life's a game of chess, and I'm headed for your queen.' It was performed by the rapper Lil Wayne (1982).

In 2010, the Norwegian band Dimmu Borgir released the album Abrahadabra. One of the songs is "Chess with the Abyss."

In 2010, Alan Menken (1949-) wrote the music to the "When Will My Life Begin?" in Walt Disney movie Tangled. The lyrics were written by Glenn Slater (1968-). The song had the line, 'Then after lunch it's puzzles and darts and baking, paper mache, a bit of ballet and chess.' In the movie, it was song by Mandy Moore (1984-).

On March 2, 2010, Shooter Jennings (1979-) released the album, Black Ribbons. One of the songs, "Last Night Radio 11:16 PM," has the line, 'old men played chess.'

On April 19, 2010, John Grant (1968-) released the album Queen of Denmark. One of the songs, "Silver Platter Club," has the line, 'I wish that I was good at football, baseball, and lacrosse, darts and basketball, and poker, golf and chess.'

On May 30, 2010, the Irish orchestral pop band The Divine Comedy released their album Bang Goes the Knighthood. One of the songs, "Can You Stand Upon One Leg," has the line, 'Can you beat your dad at chess, It's harder than you think.'

On July 7, 2009, the rapper T.I. (1980-) released the album Paper Trail. One of the songs, "Remember Me," performed by the rapper T.I. with rapper Mary Blige (1971-), has the line, 'I don't expect nothin' less in the game of chess; you think five moves ahead and not behind.'

On July 13, 2010, Adam Young (Sky Sailing) released the album An Airplane Carried Me to Bed. One of the songs, "Sailboats," has the line, 'And bring the spacecraft 'n soon while I play chess with the moon.'

On August 2, 2010, the rock band Arcade Fire released the album The Suburbs. One of the songs, "Deep Blue," has the line, 'You could never predict it, that it could see through you, Kasparov-Deep Blue 1996.'

On October 25, 2010, Taylor Swift (1989-) released her album Speak Now. One of the songs, "Dear John," has the line, 'and I lived in your chess game, but you changed the rules.'

On December 7, 2010, rapper T.I. released the album No Mercy. One of the songs, "Yeah Ya Know (Takers)," has the line, 'I'm the king in a game like chess to me.'

In 2011, the alternative rock/pop punk band The Downtown Fiction released the album Let's Be Animals. One of the songs, "I Just Wanna Run," has the line, 'Like a game of chess, I predict your move.'

In 2011, Svetozar Gligoric (1923-2012) presented his first music album, How I survived the 20th century, in Belgrade. It is a collection of 12 compositions, mostly jazz, blues and rap. Gligoric wrote the music and texts and invited some known Serbian musicians to perform with him. The central theme of his work is expressed in the song Life is all we have. Gligoric pointed out the similarity between music and chess: "Each note is like a chess move and from these elements you create your own architecture within known rules."

On March 11, 2011, Pusha T (1977-) released the album Fear of God. One of the songs, "My God," has the line, 'Take position on the chess board and rearrange it.'

On March 22, 2011, Gucci Mane (1980-) released his album, the Return of Mr. Zone 6. One of the songs, "Shout Out to My Set," has the line, 'Every move around me is a chess move.

On May 30,2011, Christian hip hop artist Tedashii (1977-) released the album Blacklight. One of the songs, "Can't Get with You," has the line, 'I am not a pawn makin' moves like a chess game.'

On June 14, 2011, the hip hop group Random Axe released the album Random Axe. One of the songs, "Understand This," has the line, 'Life is a chess game, I'm strategically moving, Your move.' Another song, "Monster Babies," has the line, 'Wanna play, I checkmate your chess game.'

On June 17, 2011, the electronic dance music duo LMFAO released the album Sorry for Party Rocking. One of the songs, "With You," has the line, 'I used to play chess at the coffee bean.' On another song, "Take It to the Hole," there is the line, 'Four moves ahead, wrong dude to play chess.'

On August 9, 2011, Royce da 5'9" (1977-) released the album Success is Certain. One of the songs, "On the Boulevard," has the line, 'Treat you like a crownless chess piece.'

On October 18, 2011, American singer Everlast released the album Songs of the Ungrateful Living. One of the songs, "My House," has the line, 'Could play a little chess.'

On November 1, 2011, rapper Torae released the album, For the Record. One of the songs, "For the Record," has the line, 'This is chess not checkers, so I'm checkin' for the throne.'

On November 14, 2011, the indie pop band Los Campesinos! released the album Hello Sadness. One of the songs, "Every Defeat a Divorce," has the line, 'Small comforts found in ABBA Gold and electronic chess.'

On December 13, 2011, Gucci Mane (1980-) and V-Nasty (1990-) released the album BAYTL. One of the songs, "Out My Circle," has the line, 'Make next move your best move, every move around me is a chess move.'

On December 20, 2011, the American soul band The Internet, released their album The Purple Naked Ladies. One of the songs, "Visions," has the line, 'We can play chess at night.'

In 2012, Big Sean (1988-) released the album Game of Thrones. One of the songs, "Burn," has the line, 'And they say life's a game of chess, you can play checkers all on my jacket.' The song featured Kanye West (1977-).

On January 1, 2012, the rapper T.I. (1980-) released the album, F--- Da City Up. One of the songs, "Oh Yeah," has the line, 'push your pawn to play chess with these dude.'

On January 6, 2012, Rick Ross (1976-) released the mixtape Rich Forever. One of the songs, "Last Breath," has the line, 'Chickens jump like checkers, but this game is chess.'

In 2012, rapper Tito Lopez released the song, "Mama Proud." It has the line, 'and these freaks wanna play chess.'

On April 2, 2012, the band Qualite Motel released the album Motel California. One of the songs, "Grandfarceur, has the line, 'plays chess on a bus.'

On August 28, 2012, rapper Rapsody (1983-) released the album The Idea of Beautiful. One of the songs, "Believe Me," has the line, 'Now I see the game for what it is, a big chess move.'

On August 28, 2012, hip hop artist TobyMac (1964-) released the album, Eye on It. The song "Mac Daddy," has the line, 'I'll teach you to cross it over, then play chess all day with roses.'

On September 11, 2012, the rapper DMX (1970-) released the album Undisputed. One of the songs, "I Don't Dance," has the line, 'Kells get it crackin', y'all play chess.'

On November 19, 2012, English songwriter Example (1982) released the album The Evolution of Man. One of the songs, "All My Lows," has the line, 'never played chess. Bad guess made the wrong move. Queen takes king now I've been removed.'

On November 27, 2012, rapper Freeway (1978-) released the album Diamond in the Ruff. One of the songs, "Early," has the line, "I play chess and checkers, I play scrabble.'

In 2013, Spit Gemz released a song called "Invisible Chess." It includes limes such as "To me it's not a discussion it's invisible chess...Have my pawns put you in check."

In 2013, Adisa "the Bishop" Banjoko released the album Hip-Hop Chess Federation Street Games. Two of the songs are called "One Big Chess Game" and "Chess Clock."

On February 12, 2013, the rapper Gucci Mane released the album Trap God 2. One of the songs, "Miracle," has the line, 'I'm playing chess while you shootin' pool, make your next move, be your best move.'

On March 26, 2013, rapper Papoose (1978-) released the album, The Nacirema Dream. One of the songs, "Nacirema Dream," has the line, 'He jumpin over me to be the king, not clever; you knew cuz life is a game of chess, not checkers.' Another song, "Aim Shoot," has the line, 'So your next move better be your best move, like a chess move.'

On April 9, 2013, Tyga (1989-) released the album Hotel California. One of the songs, "Don't Hate Tha Playa," has the line, 'I play chess on them double-d's.'

On June 11, 2013, the rapper Prodigy (1974-2017) released the album Albert Einstein. One of the songs, "Bible Paper," has the line, 'Little doggy this is chess not Tetris.'

On June 18, 2013, rapper J. Cole (1985-) released the album Born Sinner. One of the songs, "New York Times," has the line, 'Once kings, now we pawns in this chess game.'

In September 24, 2013, the Canadian rapper Drake (1986-) released an album called Nothing Was the Same. One of the songs, "Pound Cake," has the line, 'I'm holdin' all the cards and n---as wanna play chess now.'

On September 30, 2013, English rapper Dizzee Rascal (1984-) released the album The Fifth. One of the songs, "I Don't Need a Reason," has the line, 'Life is a game of chess, and all the girls wanna check me.' A YouTube video of this song shows him playing chess.

On October 1, 2013, rapper Alley Boy (1981-) released the album Dream Chaser 3. One of the songs, "Stack It Up," has the line, 'you a pawn playin' in the chess game.'

On October 7, 2013, Pusha T (1977-) released the album My Name Is My Name. One of the songs, "Nosetalgia," has the line, 'We playing on a higher game of chess.'

On November 5, 2013, rapper Eminem (1972-) released the album The Marshall Mathers, LP-2. One of the songs, "Berzerk," has the line, 'So if love is a chess game, check mate.'

On February 18, 2014, the metalcore band Issues released the album Issues. One of the songs, "Mad at Myself," has the line, 'Playing chess, ain't no way I'm gonna fight fair.'

On July 29, 2014, the hip hop group Dark Lotus released the album, The Mud, Water, Air and Blood. One of the songs, "Death in a Jar," has the line, 'See me play him like a game of chess.'

On August 5, 2014, the rap duo Ces Cru (Godemis and Ubiquitous) released the album Codename Ego Stripper. One of the songs, "Double OT," has the line, 'either take the queen, or

play the pawn; may your kindness be taken for weakness to played upon; checkmate.'

On August 5, 2014, Billy Joe Shaver (1939-) released his album Long in the Tooth. It included a song called, "Checkers & Chess," written by Shaver and Ray Kennedy (1954-).

On August 8, 2014, the Australian hip hop group Hilltop Hoods, released the album Walking Under Stars. One of the songs, "Cosby Sweater," has the line, 'I feel like Bobby Fischer, always four moves ahead of my competition.'

On October 21, 2014, the rapper T.I. (1980-) released the album, Paperwork. One of the songs, "Oh Yeah," has the line, 'push your pawn to play chess with these dudes.'

On December 9, 2014, rapper Ghostface Killah (1970-) released the album, 36 Seasons. One of the songs, "Double Cross," has the line, 'you just another pawn in my chess game.'

On December 21, 2014, Wale (1984-) released the album Festivus. One of the songs is called "Chess."

In 2015, Kid Ink (1986-) released the CD Coast 2 Coast 261. One of the songs, "Me Too," has the line, 'I'm a king on this chess board, do I got my Louis checker board.'

In2015, Mike Stud (1988-) released the album, This Isn't the Album. One of the songs, "Brightside," has the line, 'We playing chess while they're playing checkers; they send the checks but nobody checks us.'

In 2015, the rapper Rico Love (1982-) released the single "Somebody Else." It has the line, 'They say love is like chess, well I've been playing checkers and you was playing Tetris.'

In 2015, Lin-Manuel Miranda (1980-) wrote the lyrics and music to "Cabinet Battle #2," in the musical Hamilton: An American Musical. It is the 7th song from Act II of the play. One of the lines is, 'A game of chess, where France is Queen."

In 2015, Random Encounters released an album called "How to Beat a Monkey at Chess: THE MUSICAL."

In 2015, the rap group indie tribe released a song called "Chess Game."

On February 20, 2015, Chris Brown (1989-) and Tyga (1989-) released the album Fan of a Fan: The Album. One of the songs, "B****es N Marijuana," has the line, 'That body cold, chess game like a pawn to me.'

On April 14, 2015, the hip hop duo Gangrene (The Alchemist and Oh No) released the album Welcome to Los Santos. One of the songs, "Play it Cool," has the line, 'I'm a king to a pawn on the chess board.' The album was included with the Microsoft Windows version of Grand Theft

Auto V. A retail version of the album was also released.

On May 4, 2015, the rapper JME (1985-) released the album Integrity. One of the songs, "Test Me," has the line, 'But they're onto me like the king chess piece.'

On June 23, 2015, the heavy metal band High on Fire released their album, Luminiferous. One of the songs, "The Cave," had the line, 'Sort my head to make a mess, game of chess, no pieces left.'

On June 23, 2015, British singer/songwriter Richard Thompson (1949-) released his album, Still. One of the songs, "No Peace, No End," has the line, 'In the big chess game there's just one winner.'

On August 7, 2015, Frank Turner (1981-) released his album Positive Songs for Negative People. One of the songs, "Out of Breath," has the line, 'Of wondering how much time you've got left, of wondering that you're no good at chess.'

In August 2015, Sean Price (1972-2015) died. His album Songs in the Key of Price was released posthumously. One song, "Go Rambo," has the line, 'Like a chess game, Illa keep a angle like a bishop.'

On September 4, 2015, rapper Scarface (1970-) released the album Deeply Rooted. One of the songs has the line, 'Never put myself in a compromised position, I'm a chess player.'

On September 18, 2015, rapper Mac Miller (1992-2018) released the album GO:OD AM. One of the songs, "ROS," has the line, 'I am the king, you are the queen, look at this chess we're playing.'

On September 19, 2015, the rapper K-Rino (1970-) released an album called Makin' Enemies. One of the songs is called "Chess Pieces."

On October 16, 2015, the rapper The Game released an album called The Documentary 2.5. One of the songs is called, "Magnus Carlsen." It has the line, 'It's a chess game full of kings and pawns; Black and white squares, just depends.'

On December 8, 2015, Pusha T (1977-) released the album King Push. One of the songs, "M.F.T.R.," has the line, 'Chess moves on your checkerboard, king him.'

In 2016, musician and chessplayer Bob Dylan was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.

On January 29, 2016, rapper Kevin Gates (1986-) released the album Islah. One of the songs, "Not the Only One," had the line, 'Playin' chess and the bishop on the muscle.'

On July 22, 2016, Lil Durk (1992-) released the album Lil Durk 2X. One of the songs, "Glock Up,"

has the line, 'It's Louis V all over me, I swear I'm in a chess club.'

On July 29, 2016, DJ Khaled (1975-) released the album Major Key. One of the songs, "Nas Album Done," has the line, 'I'm playin' chess with babies.'

On August 20, 2016, Frank Ocean (1987-) released the album Blond. One of the songs, "Future Free," has the line, 'Dog this is chess now.'

On September 29, 2016, William Finn (1952-) released an album called Falsettos. One of the songs is called "The Chess Game." The lyrics were written by William Finn and James Lapine.

In 2017, the American rapper Spose (1985-) released an album called Good Luck with Your Life. One of the songs is "Checkers or Chess."

In 2017, Bebe Rexha (1989-) released an album called Unreleased. One of the songs is called "Chess Piece" with the line 'Cause I ain't no no no chess piece while you play me.'

In 2017, Brandyn Kaine released the song called "Chess Piece" with references to chess.

On March 10, 2017, the rapper J.I.D. (1990-) released the album The Never Story. One of the songs, "Somebody," has the line, 'The rap game like checkers and chess.'

On March 24, 2017, Mike Will Made-It (1989-) released the album Ransom 2. One of the songs, "On the Come Up," has the line, 'Quick to check a b----, yeah I check her, Even though life's a game of chess, 'Cause I'm living play-by-play, day-by-day.'

On March 31, 2017, the Belgian singer Loic Nottet (1996-) released the album Selfocracy. One of the songs, "Mud Blood," has the line, 'We want to take your out, like in a game of chess, mama.'

On March 31, 2017, Rodney Crowell (1950-) released his album, Close Ties. One of the songs, "Life Without Susanna," has the line, 'locked in a deadly game of chess.'

On April 7, 2017, Zand released an album called Xeraclius. It included the song called "Chess."

On April 27, 2017, rapper Young M.A (1992-) released the album Herstory. One of the songs, "Hot Sauce," has the line, 'This is chess, not checkers, learn the game dude.'

On May 5, 2017, rapper Logic (1990-) released the album Everybody. One of the songs, "Mos Definitely," has the line, 'Gotta play the game like a chess board.'

On May 5, 2017, the American rock band At the Drive-In released their album In-ter- a-li-a. One of the songs, "Torrentially Cutshaw," has the lines, 'Frayed the husk of an ivory pawn, sickles in the ice froze a game of chess.'

On May 12, 2017, English rapper J. Hus (1996-) released the album Common Sense. One of the songs, "Bouff Daddy," has the line, 'I'm just playin' chess wit' my best mate, teach you 'bout check-mate.'

On May 19, 2017, the hip hop duo The Underachievers (AKTHESAVIOR and Issa Gold) released the album Renaissance. One of the songs, "Different World," has the line, 'Movin' pieces on the board, my chess killer, Bobby Fischer, used to serve right out the building.'

On May 26, 2017, rapper Lil Yachty (1997-) released the album Teenage Emotions. One of the songs, "Priorities," has the line, 'Make your next move your best, life's a game of chess.'

On June 16, 2017, the rapper 2 Chainz (1977-) released the album Pretty Girls Like Trap Music. One of the songs, "Realize," has the line, 'See this is chess, not checkers.'

On July 21, 2017, Tyler, The Creator, (1991-) released the album Flower Boy. One of the songs, "I Ain't Got Time!," has the line, 'I just handle all my business like a chess board (Tick tock, tick, tock).'

On August 4, 2017, hip hop artist Andy Mineo (1988-) released the album Magic & Bird. One of the songs, "Say Less," has the line, 'Think they winnin' but they never play chess.'

On August 11, 2017, rapper Moneybag Yo (1991-) released the album Federal 3X. One of the songs, "Vent," has the line, 'I just play chess, not checkers.'

On August 18, 2017, the album Imperius Rex was released posthumously after the death of its creator, Sean Price (1972-2015). One of the songs, "Rap Professor," has the line, 'Life is a chess game I'm strategic with movement; your move; checkmate.'

On September 14, 2017, JXXIII (J23) wrote a song called "Chess" which includes the line "Playing chess, making moves tyrna flex."

On October 6, 2017, the rapper Belly released the album Mumble Rap. One of the songs, "Alcantara," has the line, 'This is Bobby Fischer chess; the king takes over your rook then what's next?'

On November 17, 2017, rapper Jaden Smith (1998-) released the album, Syre. One of the songs, "Hope," has the line, 'We're playing chess and I'm the bishop.'

On December 15, 2017, Eminem (1972-) released the album Revival. One of the songs, "River," has the line, 'It's a chess match, she's on his back like a jet-pack.'

In 2018, rapper Kendrick Lamar (1987-) produced and curated the film soundtrack for Black Panther. One of the songs, "Bloody Waters," has the line, 'Sweating in chess game, try move like

kings move.' The song was performed by Ab-Soul (1987-), Anderson Paak (1986-), and James Blake (1988-).

On January 26, 2018, the heavy metal band Machine Head released their album Catharsis. One of the songs, "Screaming at the Sun," has the line, 'The plan I devise, in this chess game to shatter the crook.'

On Feb 16, 2018, Nipsey Hussle (1985-) released the album Victory Lap. One of the songs, "Hussle & Motivate," has the line, 'Playing no games if it wasn't chess.'

In March 2018, Rick Springfield (1949-) released the album The Snake King. One of the songs, "Orpheus in the Underworld," has the line, 'These games of chess you play to press.'

On April 12, 2018, Nicki Minaj (1982-) released the single, "Chun-Li." It has the line, 'You play checkers, couldn't beat me playin' chess.'

On May 25, 2018, Pusha T (1977-) released the album Daytona. One of the songs, "The Games We Play, has the line, 'The only kingpin who ain't sinkin' chess moves, that means my thrie eye ain't blinkin."

On June 29, 2018, Canadian rapper Drake (1986-) released an album called Scorpion. One of the songs, "I'm Upset," has the line, 'So offended that I had to double check. You tryna check? This is real life, n---as think we playin' chess.'

On August 3, 2018, rapper Travis Scott (1992-) released the album Astroworld. One of the songs, "Houstonfornification," has the line, 'Nobody can check me when it's chess.' In 2019, "Chess" was the 7th track release in bbno\$'s album *Recess*. The song relates chess to drugs, money, and many other things, with the hook talking about how the moves of the pieces are made.

On May 26, 2020, a new song about chess was recorded by Hudson Thames. It has the line, "I've been playin' games of chess with my health."

In 2021, Numbaa 7 released a song and video called "Chess."

Musicians Who Play(ed) Chess: Jean Absil (composer), Ronnie Aldrich (jazz pianist), Jon Anderson (Yes), Paul Badura-Skoda (pianist), Sam Baron, Walter Becker (Steely Dan), Sir Thomas Beecham (conductor), Leonard Bernstein, Tony Blackburn (singer), Art Blakey (jazz musician), Sir Arthur Bliss (composer), Bono (U2), Sonny Bono (singer), Alexander Borodin (composer), Chris Botti (trumpet player), David Bowie (singer), Johannes Brahms (composer), Anthony Braxton (jazz composer), Adolph Brodsky (violinist), Clifford Brown (jazz musician), John Cage (piano composer), Enrico Caruso (opera singer), Pablo Casals (cellist), Feodor Chaliapin (opera singer), Ray Charles (musician), Frederic Chopin (pianist), Kurt Cobain (Nirvana), Bill Corgan (Smashing Pumpkins), Bobby Darin (singer), Neil Diamond (singer), DJ Green Lantern (rapper), Antonin

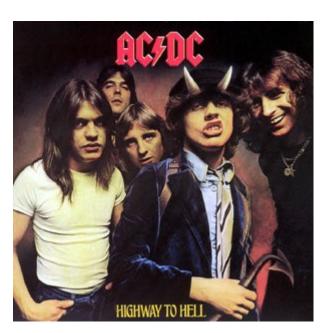
Dvorak (composer), Bob Dylan (musician), Hanns Eisler (composer), Mischa Elman (violinist), Ferenc Erkel (composer), Adam Faith (musician), Eddie Fisher (singer), Charles Fox (composer), Zino Francescatti, Richard "Kinky" Friedman (singer), Emil Gilels, Dizzy Gillespie (jazz musician), Gerry Goffin (songwriter), Alexander Goldenweiser (pianist), Josh Groban (singer), GZA (rapper), Daryl Hall (Hall & Oates), Sir Charles Halle (composer), Oscar Hammerstein II (musical director), Jerry Harrison (pianist), Billie Holliday (singer), Vladimir Horowitz (composer), Bruce Howard (Dr. Robert – Blow Monkeys), Immortal Technique (rapper), Rakaa Iriscience, Jay Z (rapper), Reginald Johnson (composer), Nic Jones (folk singer), Leo Kahn (violinist), Aram Khachaturian (composer), Fritz Kreisler (violinist), Gene Krupa (drummer), Lady Gaga (singer), Julius La Rosa, John Lennon (Beatles), Sean Lennon (musician), John Lill (pianist), LL Cool J (rapper), Ludacris (rapper), Phil Lynott (Thin Lizzy), Lorin Maazel (violinist), Madonna (singer), Johnny Marks (songwriter), Wynton Marsalis (jazz trumpeter), Dean Martin (singer), Felix Mendelssohn (musician), Yehudi Menuhin (violinist), Dominic Miller (guitarist), Joni Mitchell (singer), Moby (musician), Ennio Morricone, Modest Mussorgsky (composer), Graham Nash (Crosby, Stills & Nash), Nelly (rapper), Harmon Oscar Nelson (musician), Willie Nelson (musician), David Oistrakh (violinist), Yoko Ono (musician), Elaine Paige (singer), Charlie Parker (jazz sazophonist), Louis Persinger (violinist), Phish, Gregor Piatigorsky (cellist), Sergey Prokofiev (composer), Jason Rebello (keyboard), Helen Reddy (singer), Ruggiero Ricci (violinist), Tim Rice (lyricist), Sviatoslav Richter (pianist), Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov (composer), Paul Robeson (singer), Moriz Rosenthal (pianist), Leon Rosselson (songwriter), Giochino Rossini (composer), Mstislav Rostropovich, David Lee Roth (singer), Arthur Rubinstein (pianist), RZA (rapper), Ernest Schelling (pianist), Harold Schonberg (music critic), Robert Schumann (composer), Ronnie Scott (jazz musician), Vivienne Segal, Artie Shaw (clarinet player), Dmitri Shostakovich (composer), Jessica Simpson (singer), Frank Sinatra (singer), Gracie Slick (Jefferson Airplane/Starship), Will Smith (rapper), Dusty Springfield (singer), Ringo Star (Beatles), Isaac Stern (violinist), Sticky Fingaz (rapper), Sting (musician), Richard Strauss (composer), Ernest Toch (composer), Bjrn Ulvaeus (ABBA), Giuseppe Verdi (composer), Heitor Villa-Lobos (musician), Klaus Voormann (musician), Robert Wagner, West Indian Girl (clarinet player), Paul Whiteman (jazz musician), Rudolf Heinriach Willmers (pianist), Tadeusz Wronski (violinist)

Chess Players Who Are (Were) Musicians or involved in music: Henry William Barry, Armand Blackmar, Calvin Blocker, Hans Bruehl, Vitaly Chekover, Noam Elkies, Svetozar Gligoric, Igor Ivanov, Hans Johner, Pau Johner, Josef Kling, Rudolph Loman, Sam Loyd, William Napier, Francois Andre Danican Philidor, Jean-Louis Preti, Isaac Rice, Anthony Santasiere, Nigel Short, Vassily Smyslov, Emil Sutovsky, Mark Taimanov, Eileen Trammer, George Walker, Eugene Znosko-Borovsky, Johannes Zukertort

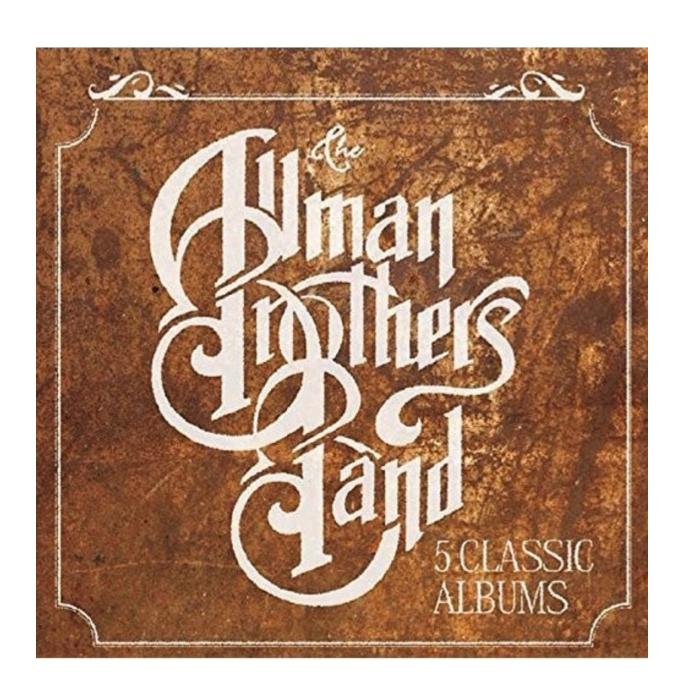
Chess players whose hobby includes (included) music: Alexander Alekhine, Vishy Anand, Yelena Dembo, Anatoly Karpov, Peter Leko, Shakhriyar Mamedyanov, Paul Motwani, Natalia Pogonina, Fred Reinfeld, Samul Reshevsky, Mikhail Tal

Album Covers









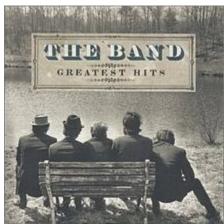




E-1264







SCHOOL STEREO

SURFER GIRL THE BEACH BOYS



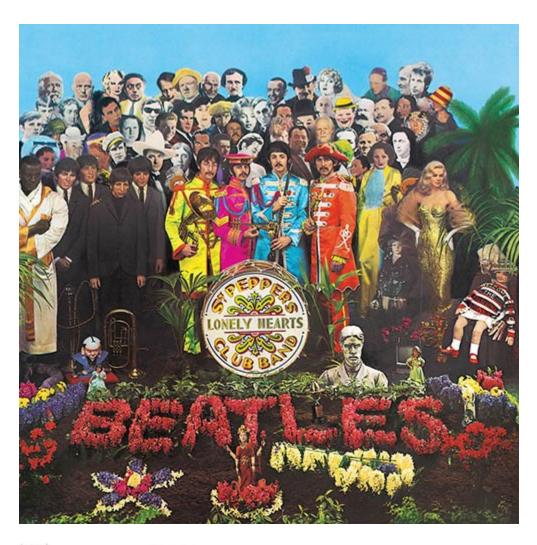
LITTLE DEGGE GROUPE-SURVEY SILL-CARDA A WARF-THE SURVEY MODE - SOUTH SER SURVEY - MARKA IN MY MODEL - THE ROCKING SURVEY - SURVEYS BULLS-DUE CAR DUES-HOLD SURVEYS SHEAR - BOOGS MODEL

BEASTE BOYS



CHECKYOURHEAD



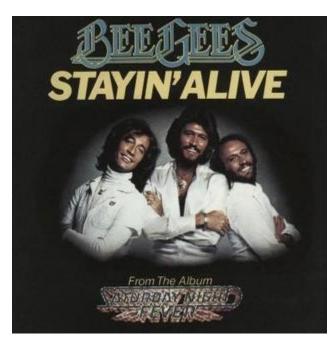


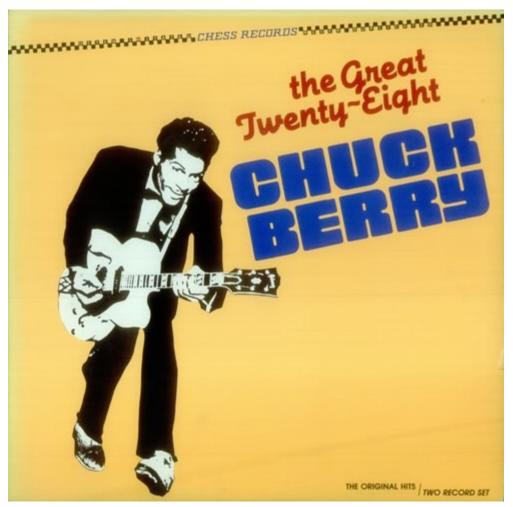




JEFF BECK GROUP





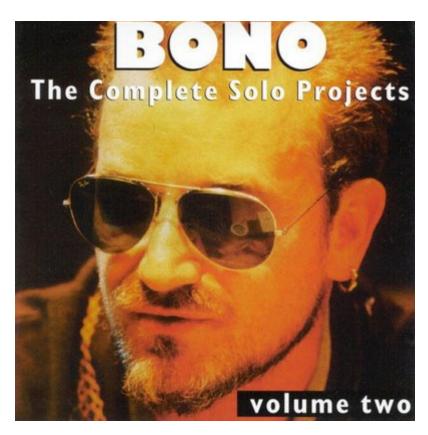


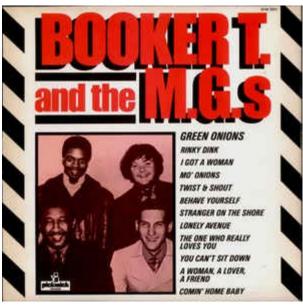




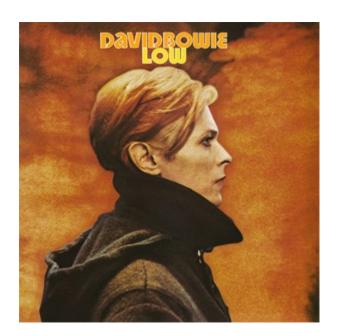


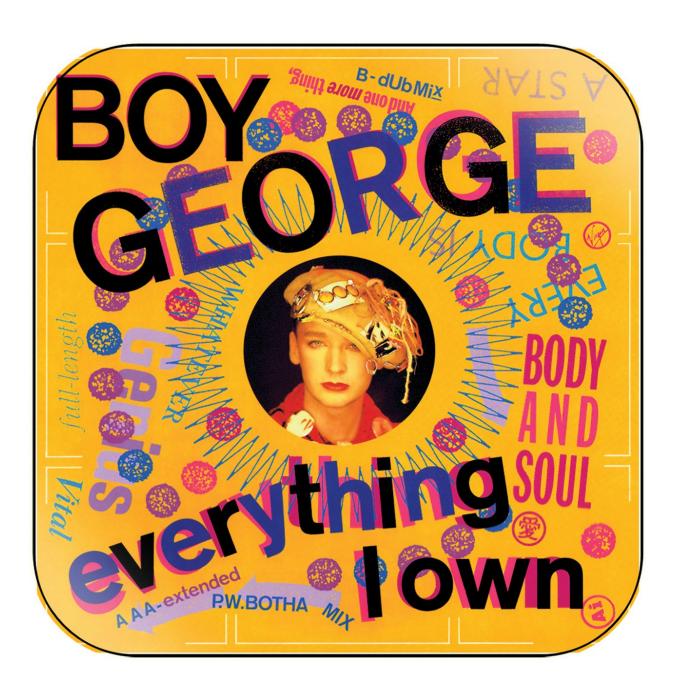


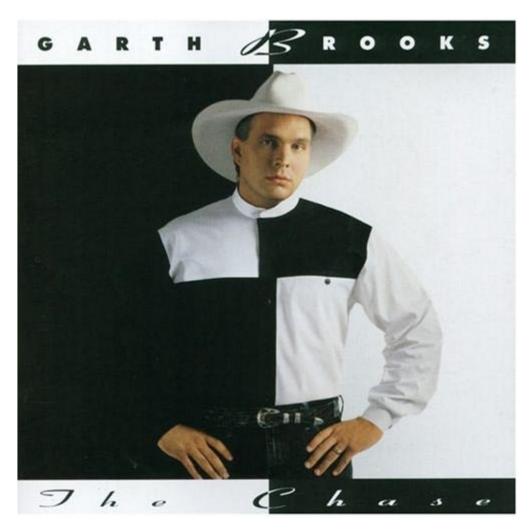


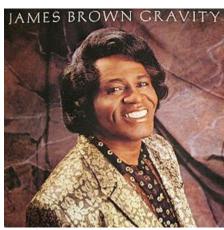


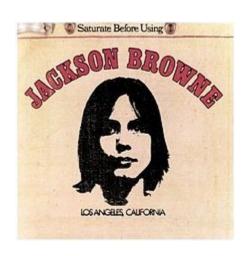


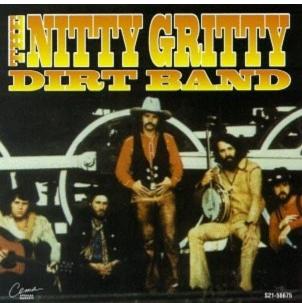




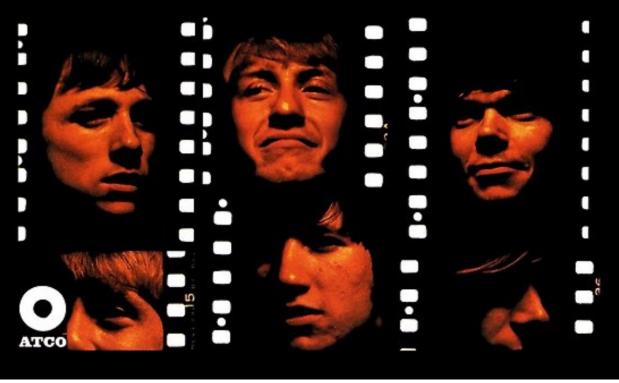




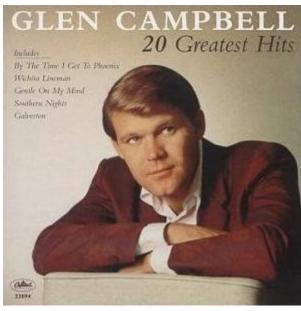




Springfield Springfield

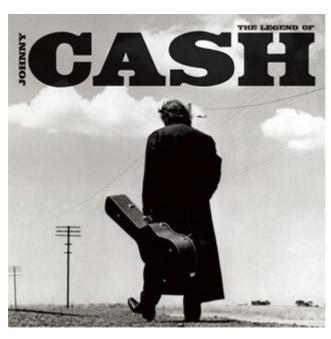




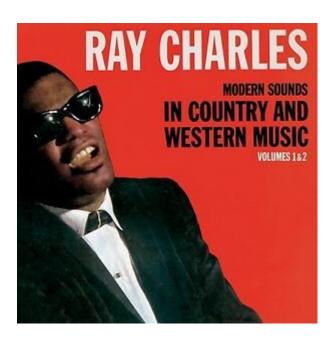








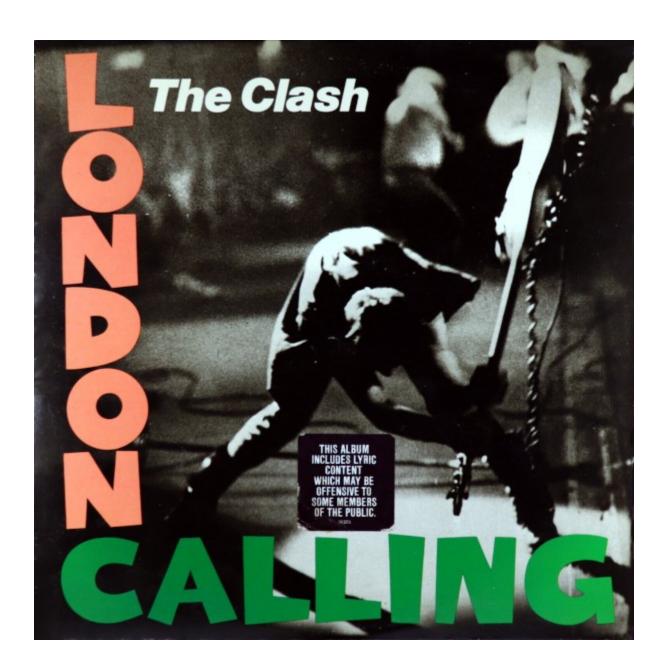








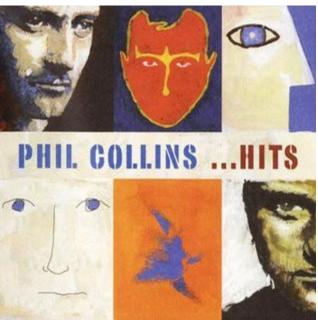
ERIC CLAPTON CROSSROADS



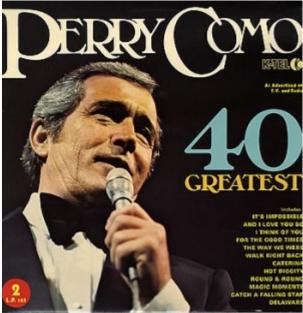


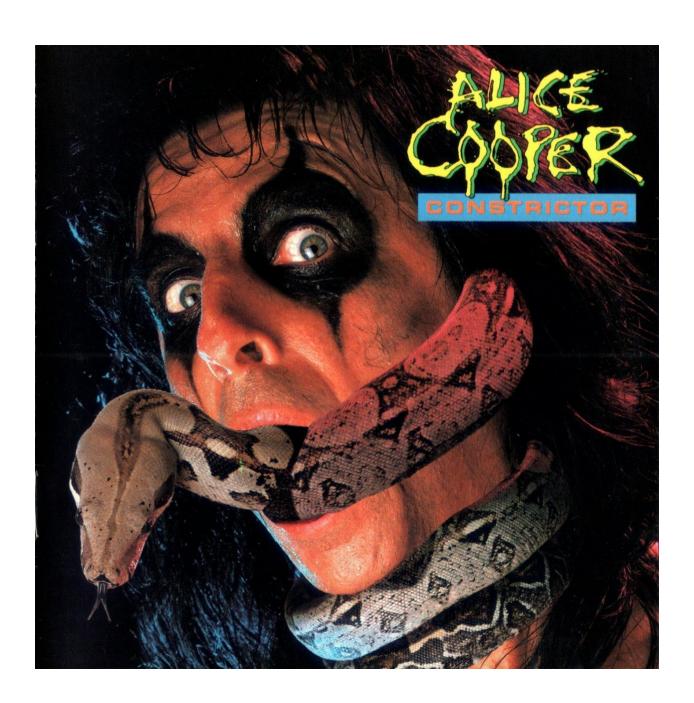




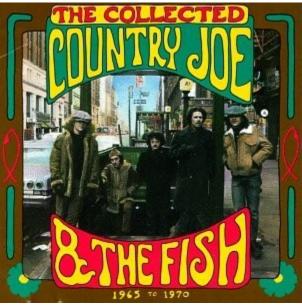












BBC

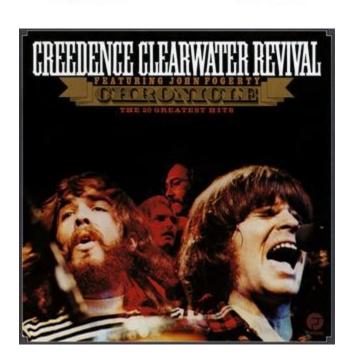
Cream

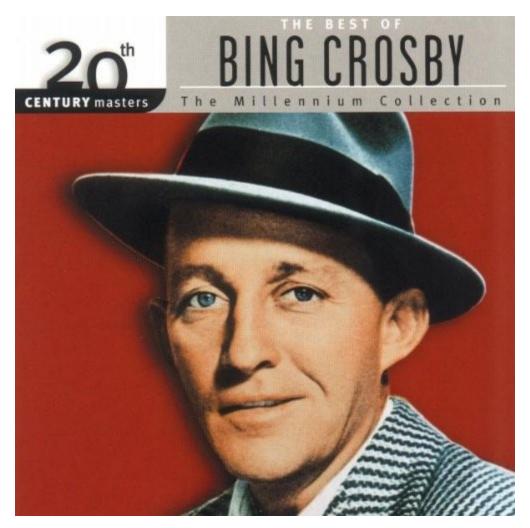


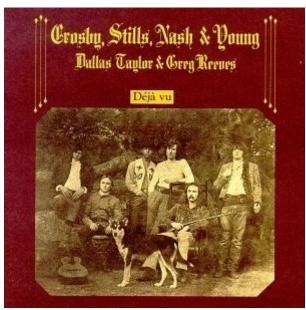
Ginger Baker

Jack Bruce

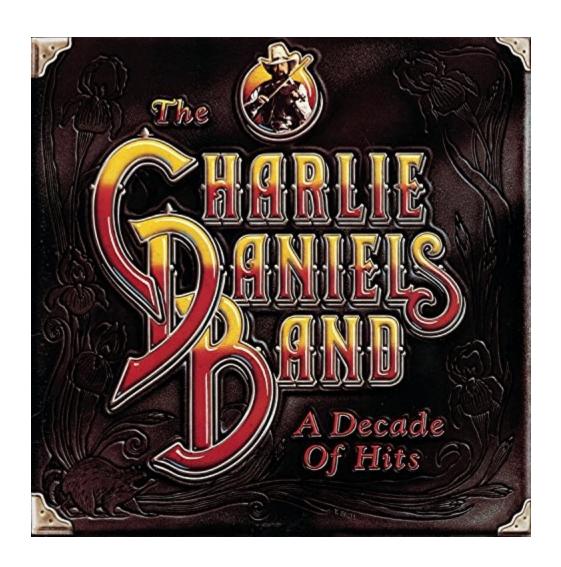
Eric Clapton

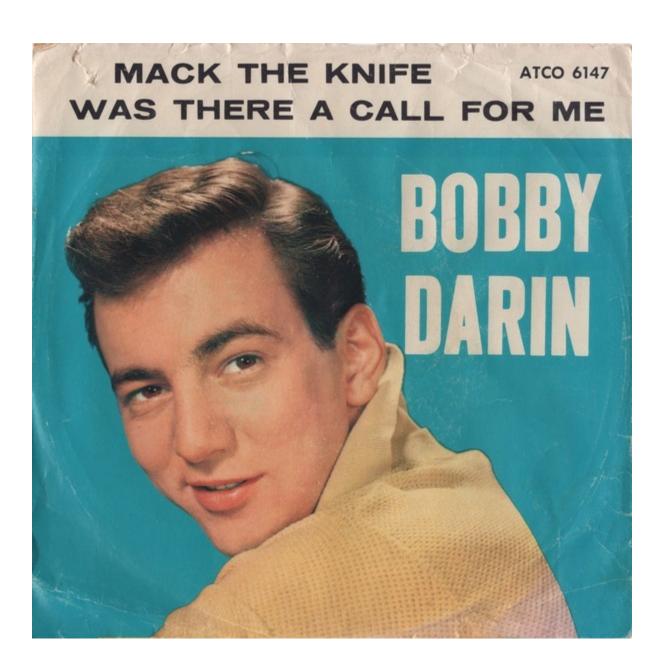


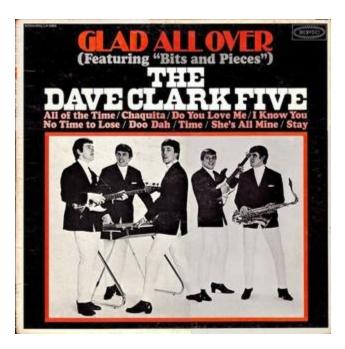




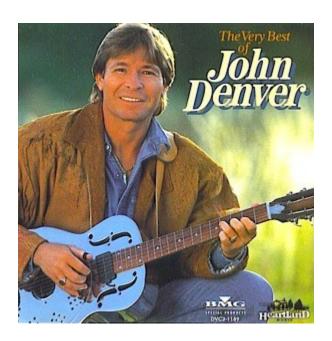










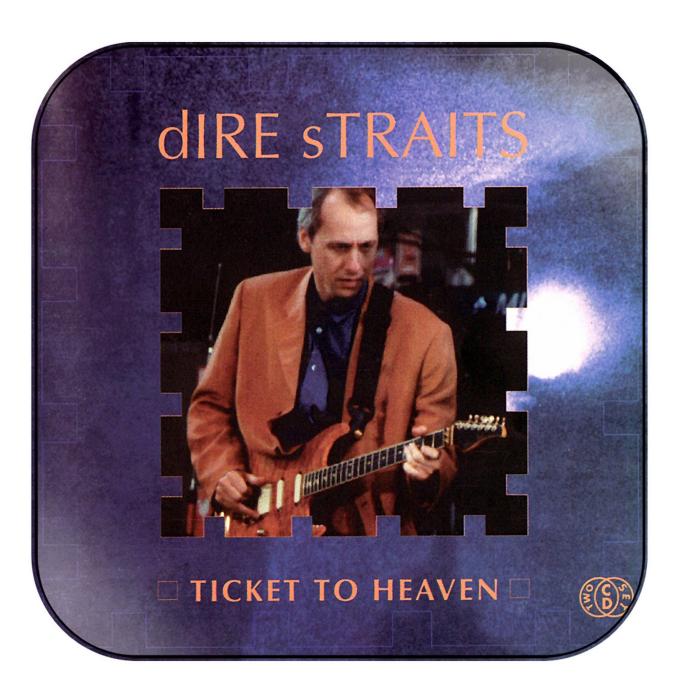


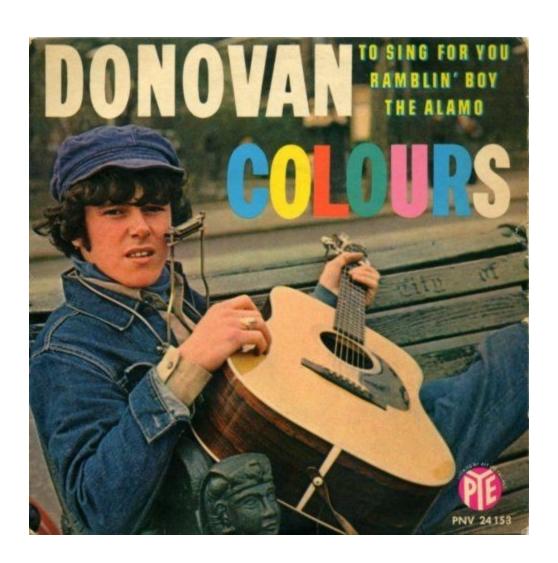
Derck and the Dominos

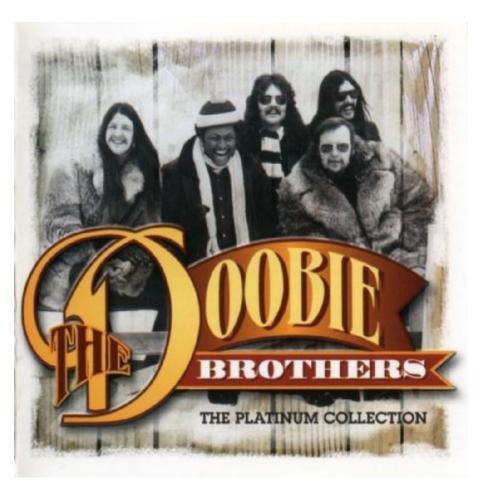


Layla Album Alternates



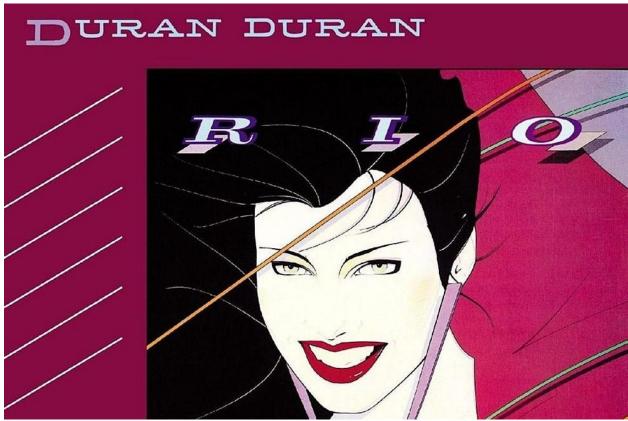


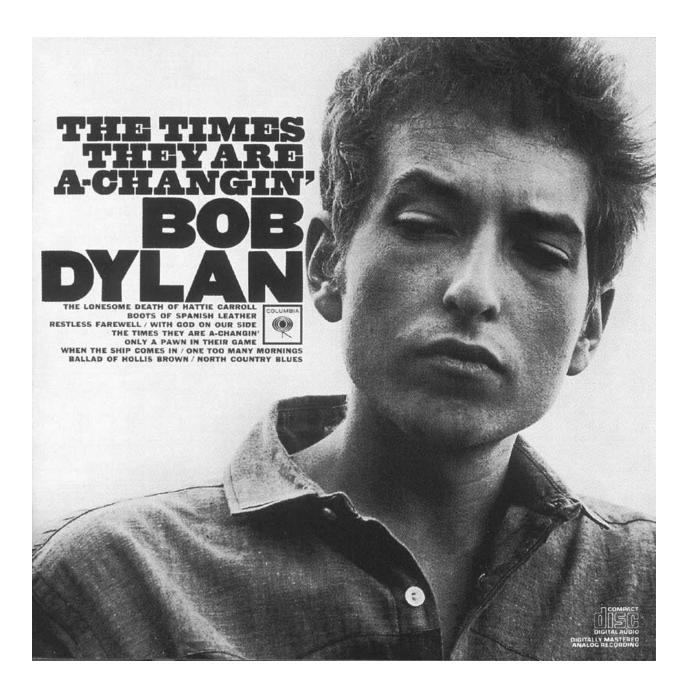


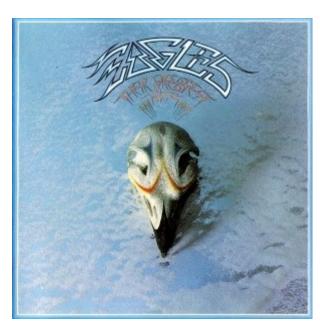


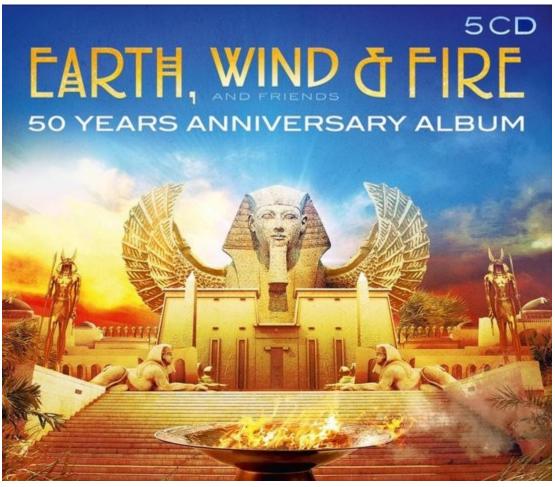


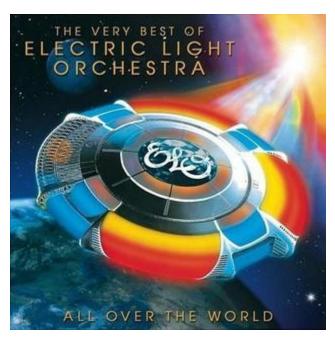


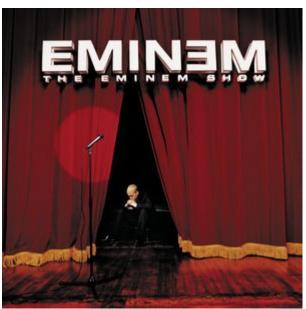


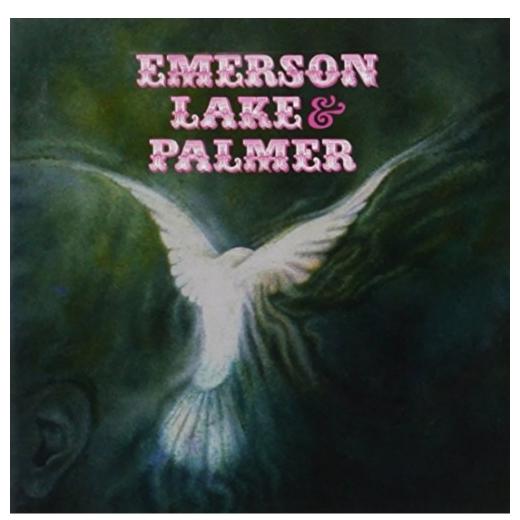






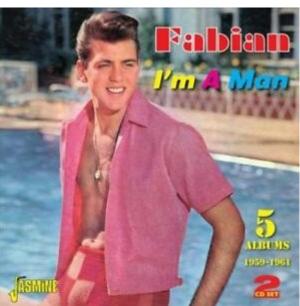








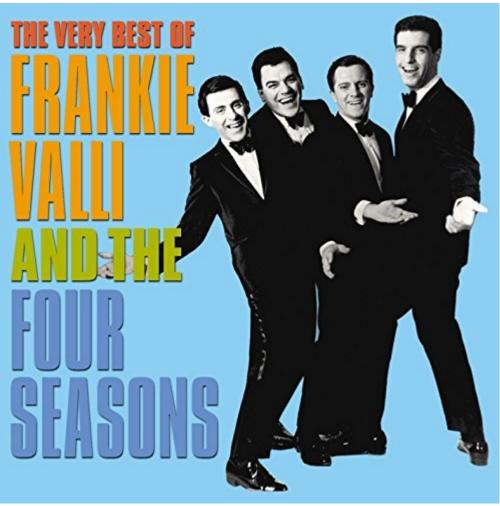




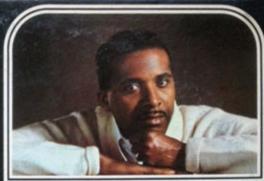












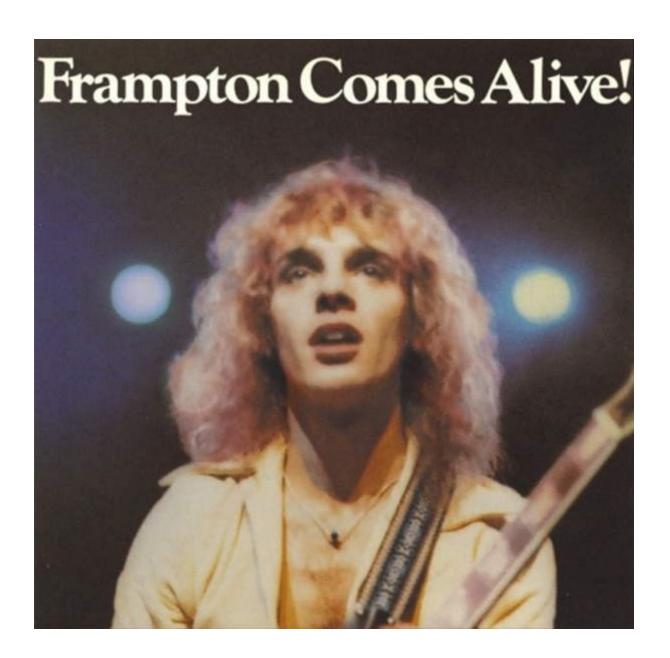
FOUR TOPS

ASK THE LONELY • WITHOUT THE ONE YOU LOVE • BABY I NEED YOUR LOVING WHERE DID YOU GO • TEA HOUSE IN CHINA TOWN • DON'T TURN AWAY • LOVE HAS GONE YOUR LOVE IS AMAZING • LEFT WITH A BROKEN HEART • SAD SOUVENIRS • CALL ON ME



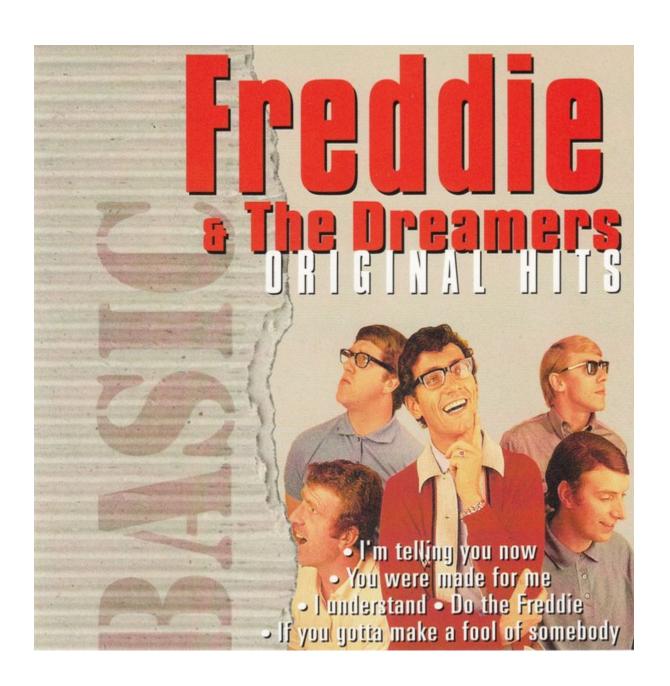




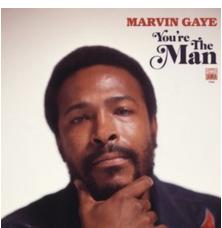


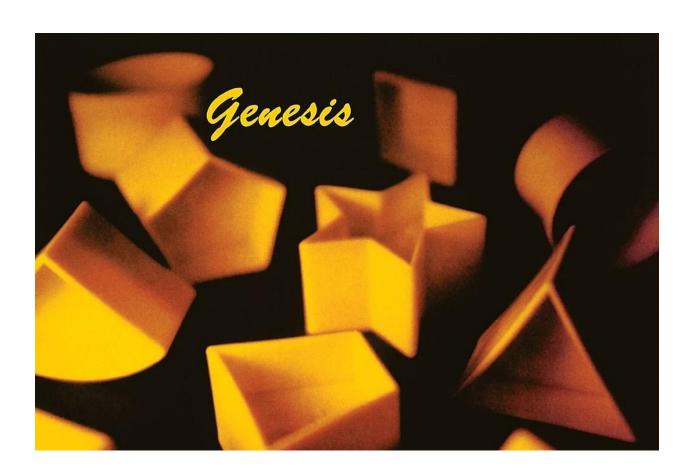


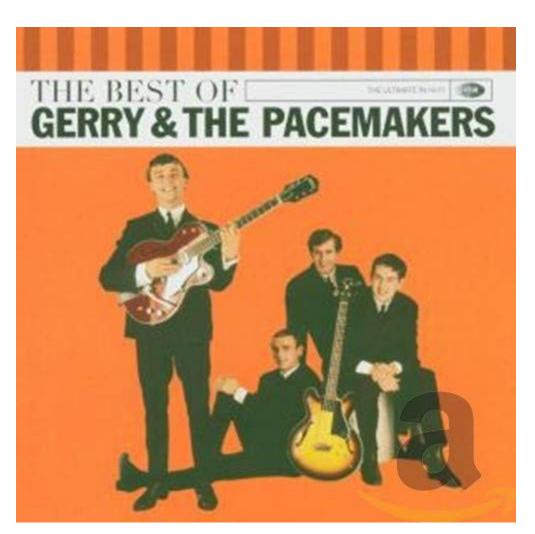








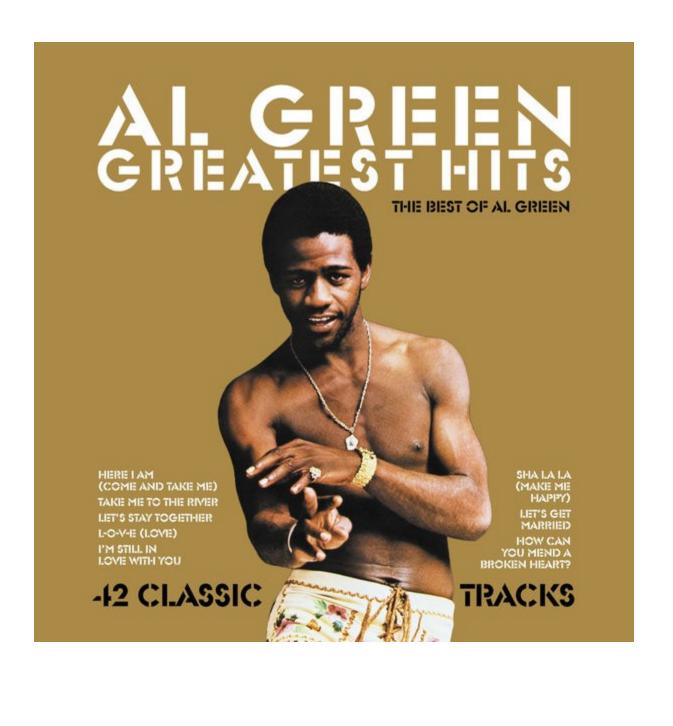




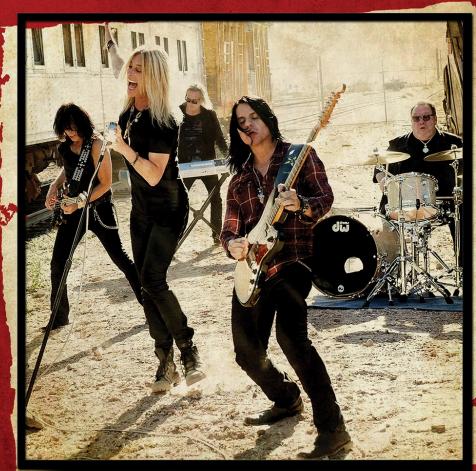








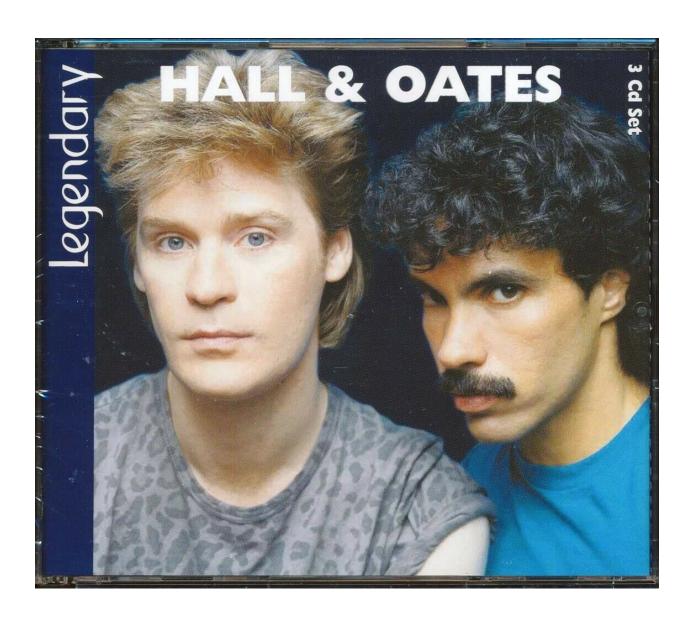
GUESS WHO



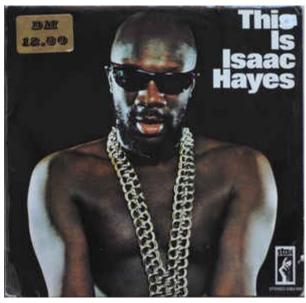
STEREO 🦻

THE FUTURE IS WHAT IT USED TO BE

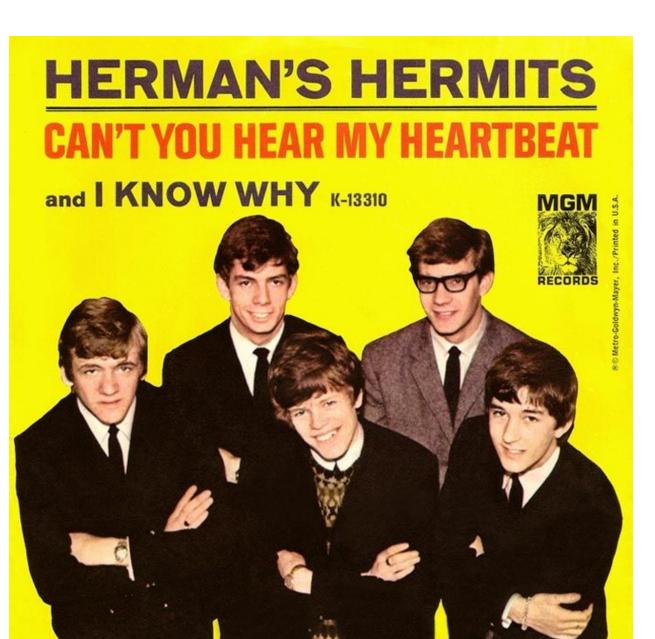




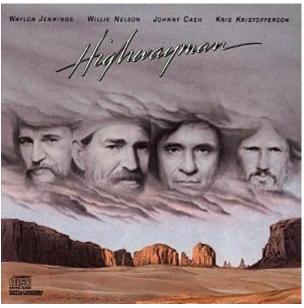










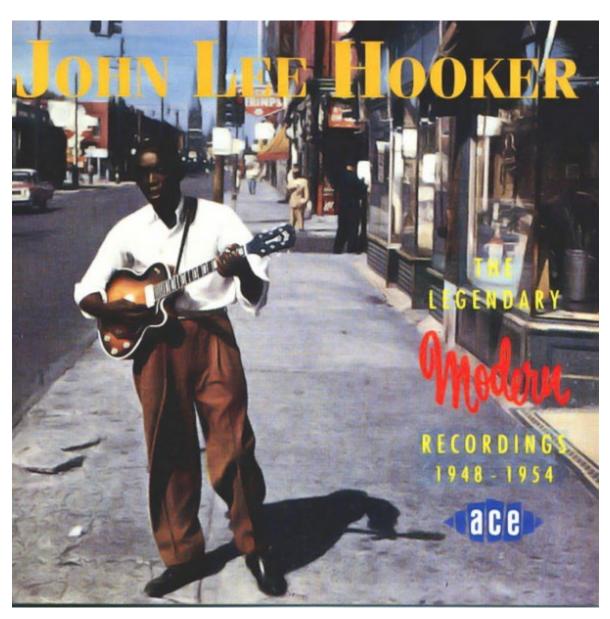


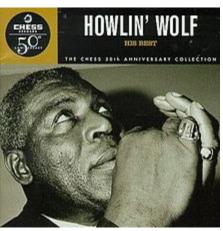


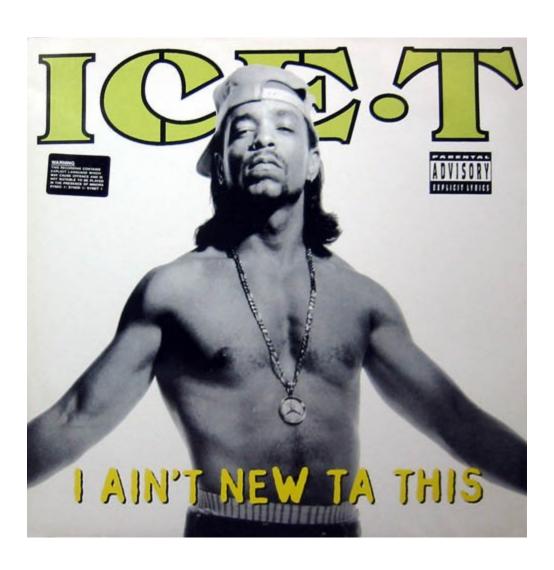


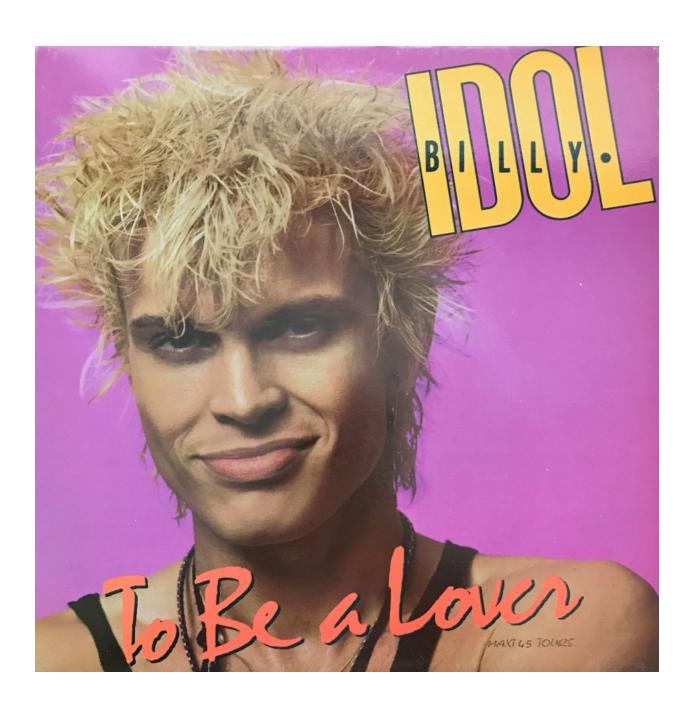


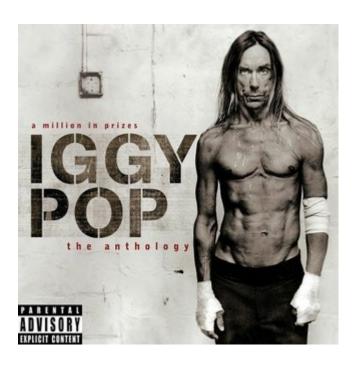


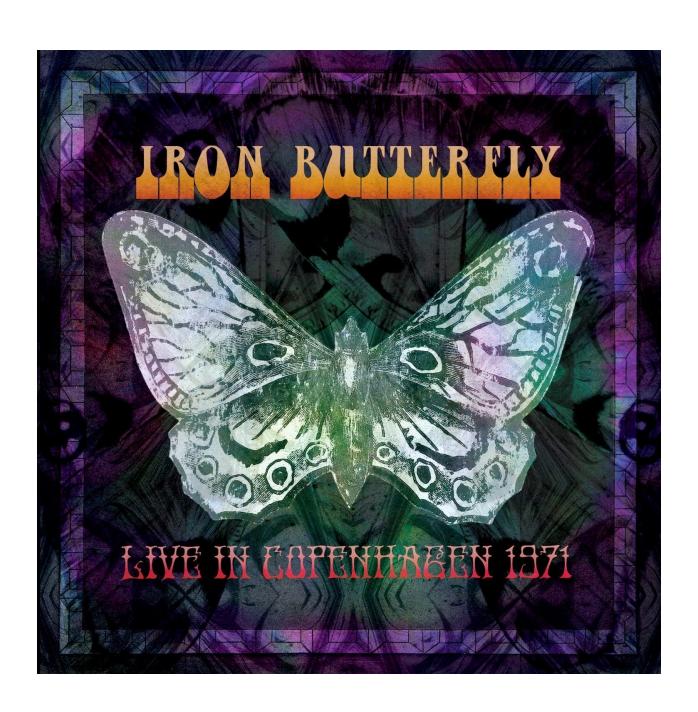








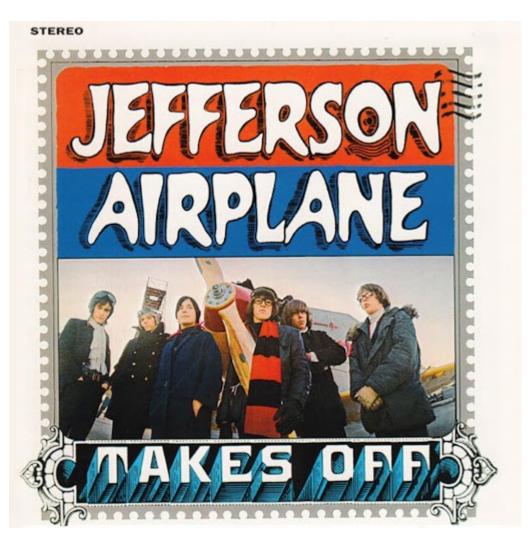




JACKSON 5



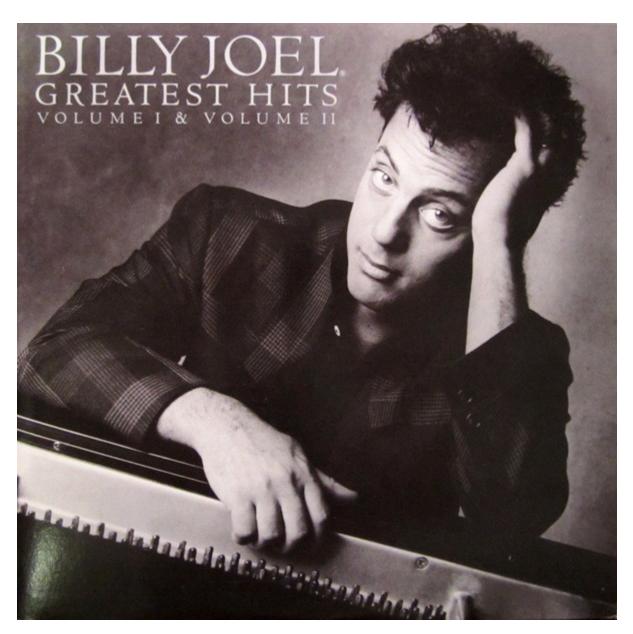


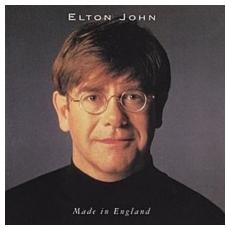




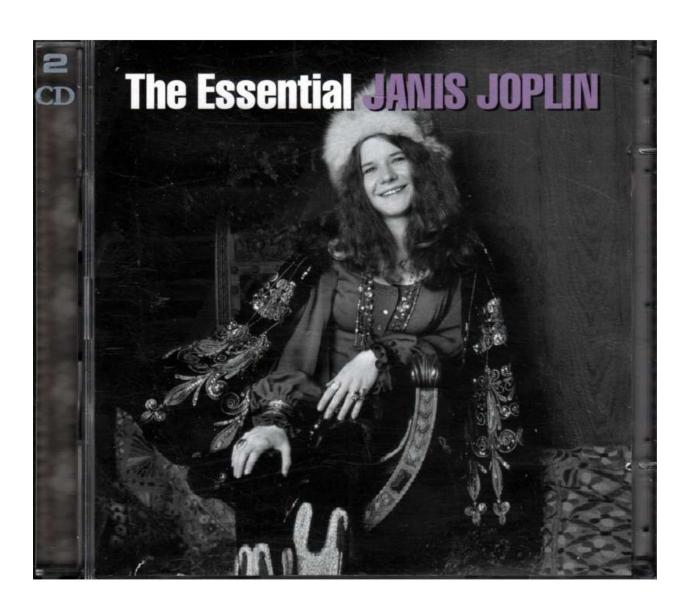






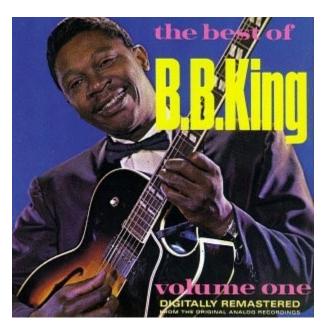


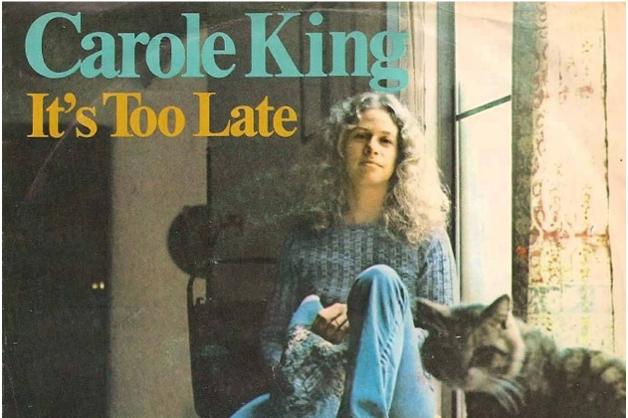


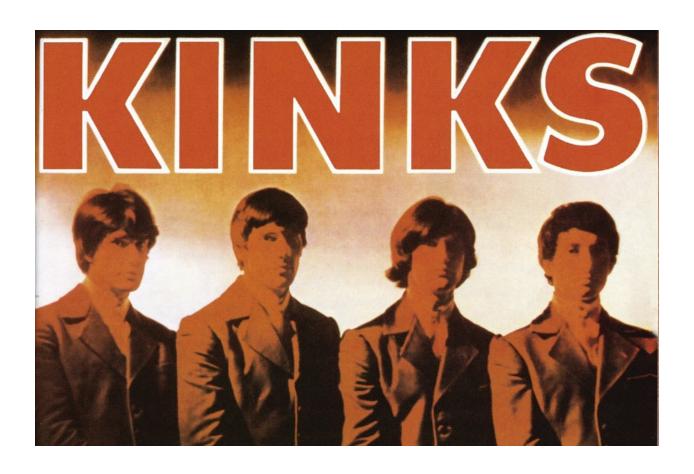


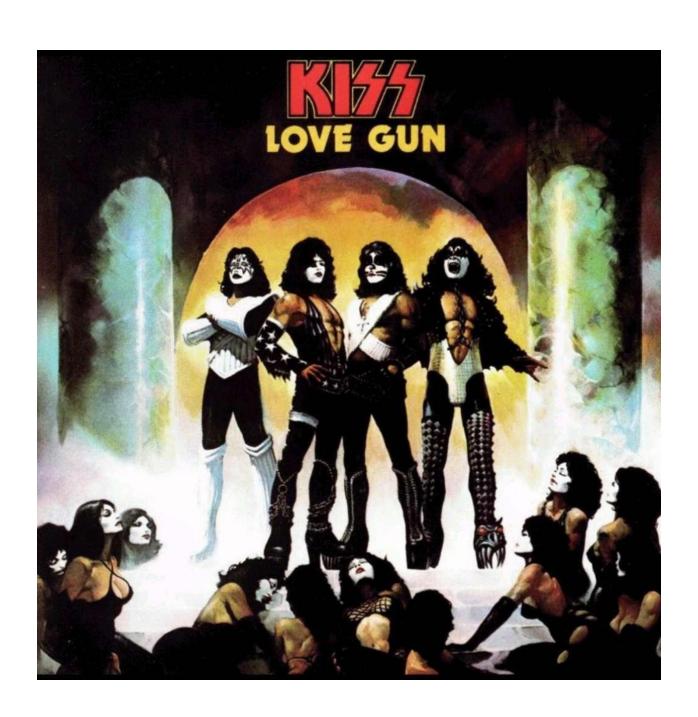






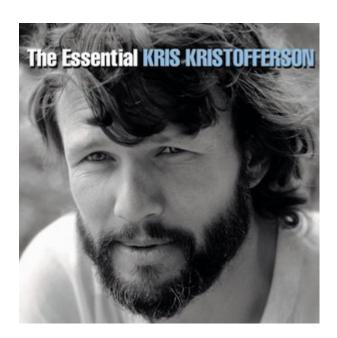






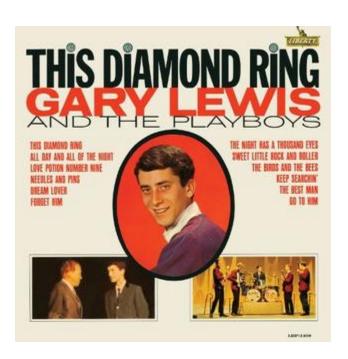


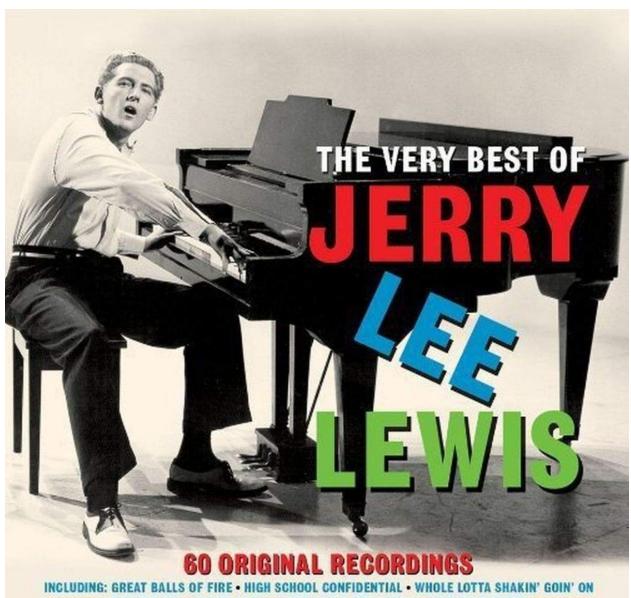




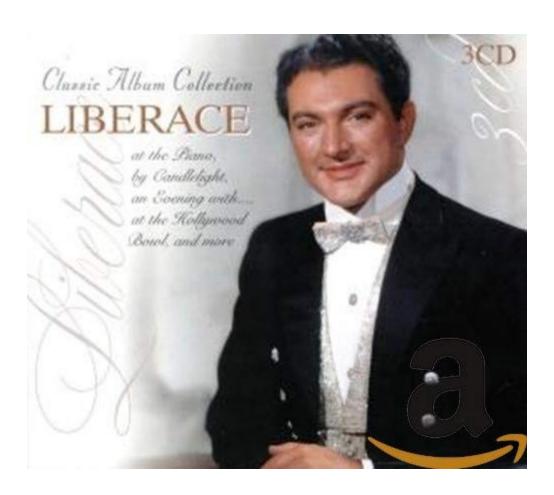


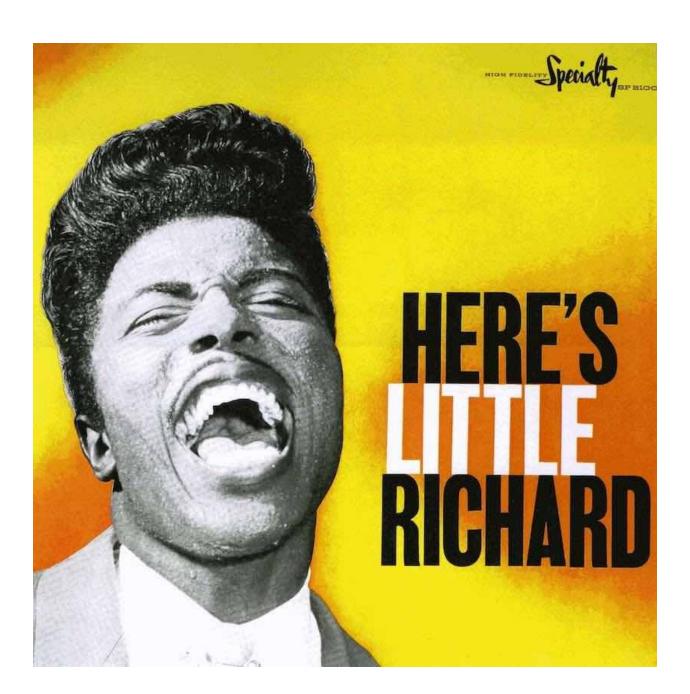






BREATHLESS • CRAZY ARMS • GOOD GOLLY MISS MOLLY • AND MANY MORE

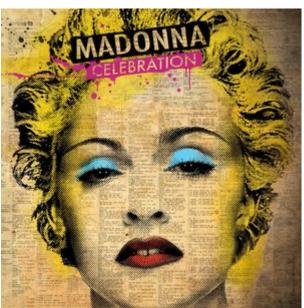


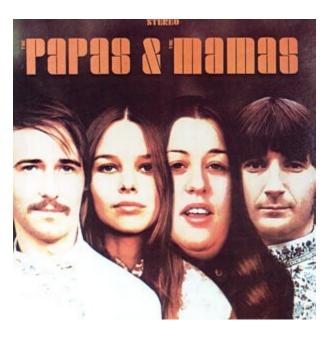








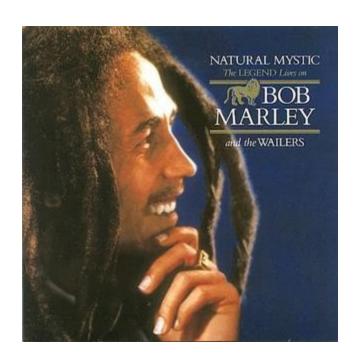




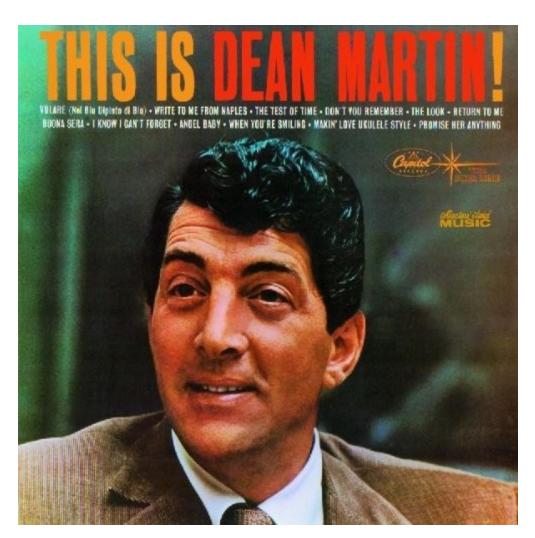






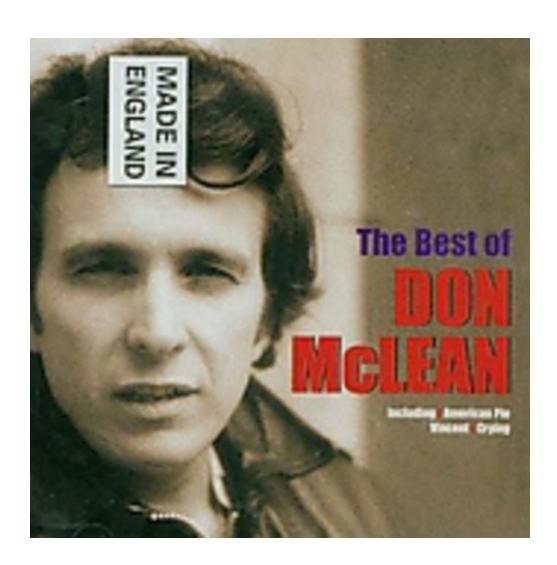


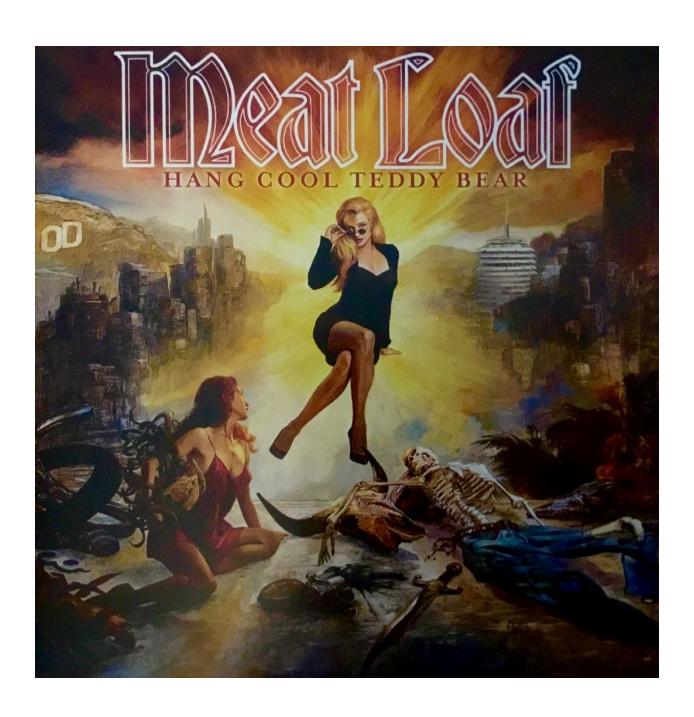


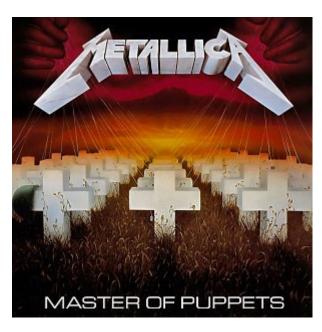






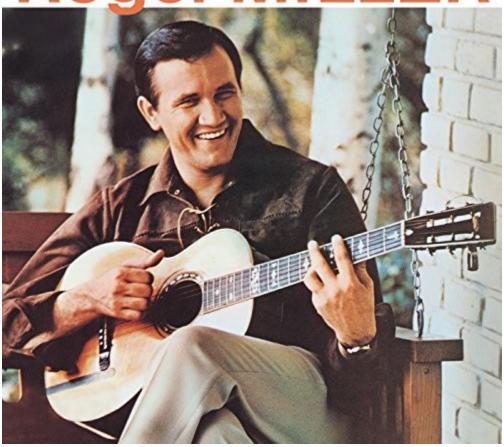








Roger Miller

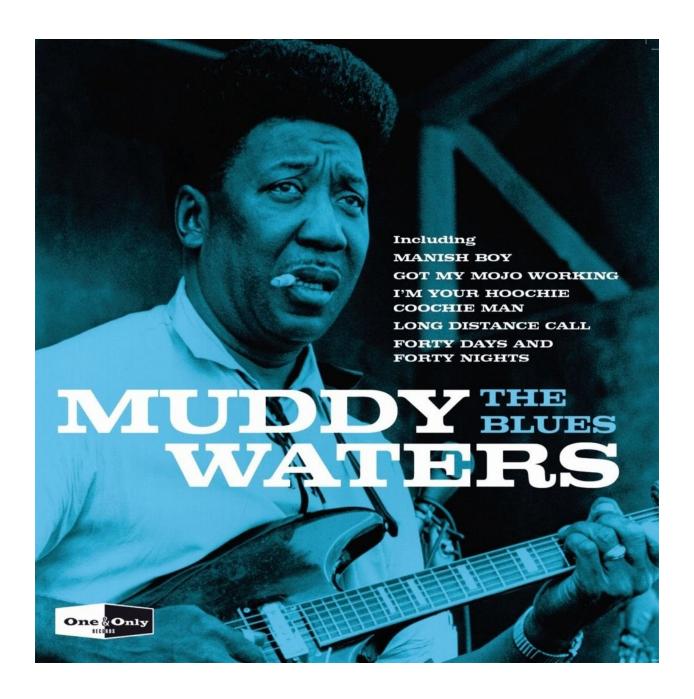


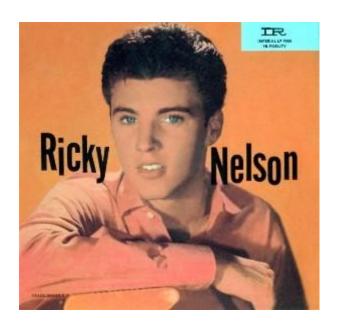




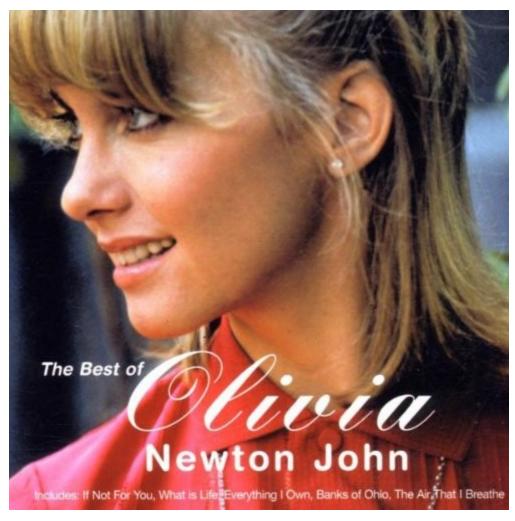


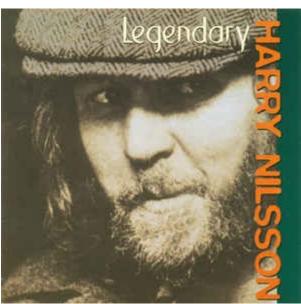


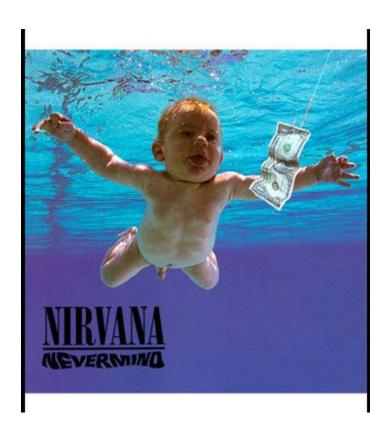


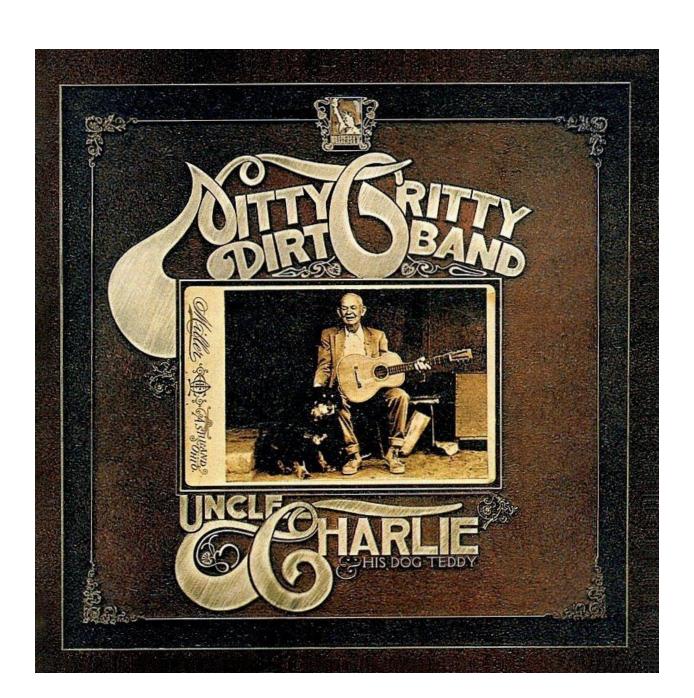


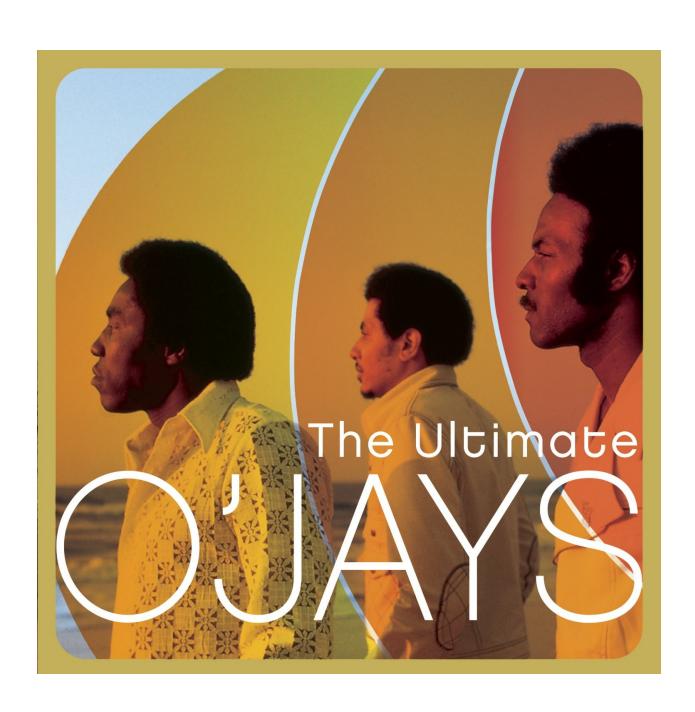


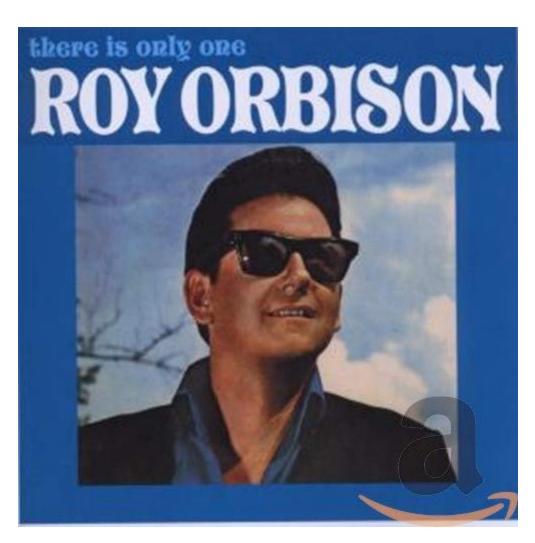


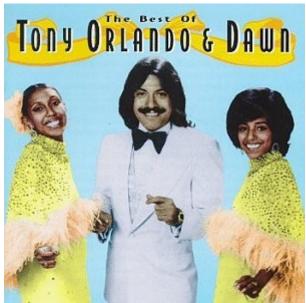




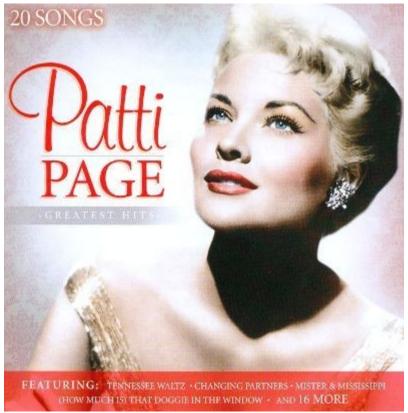


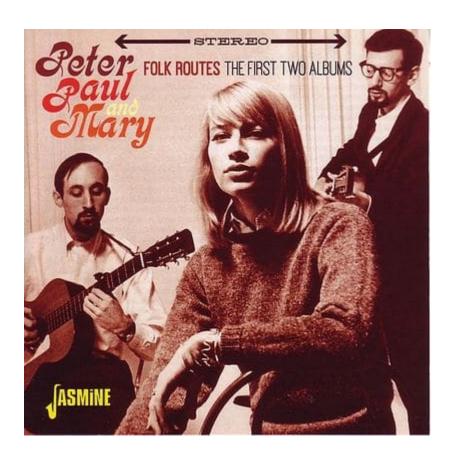


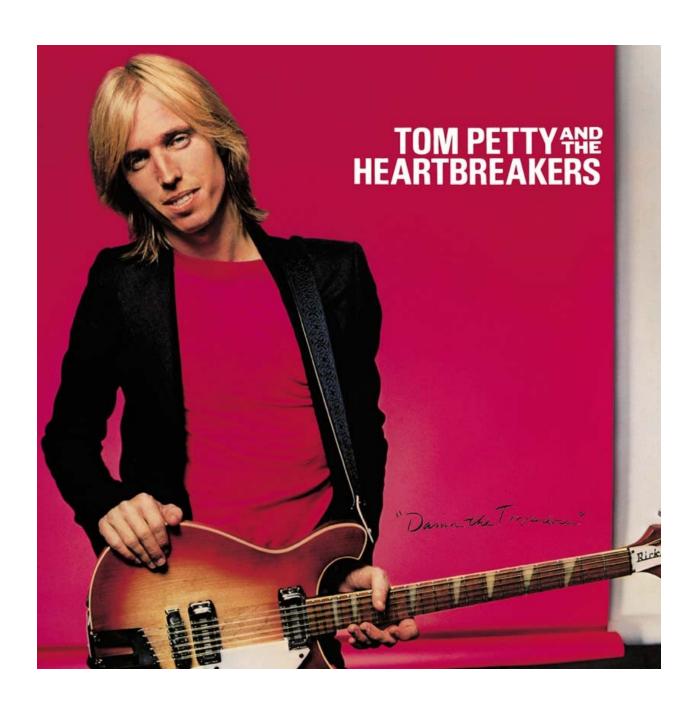




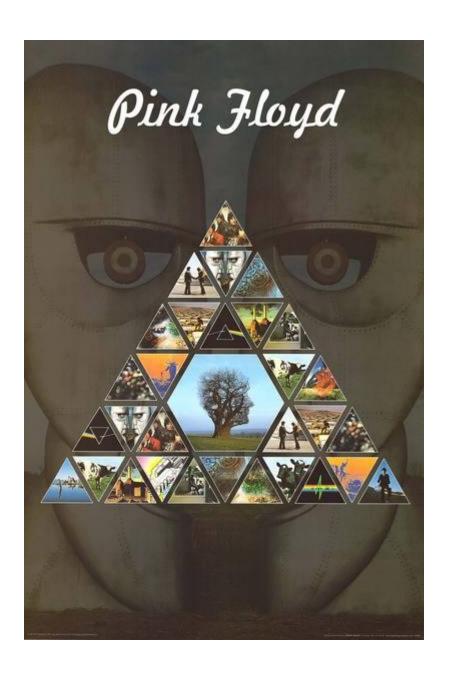






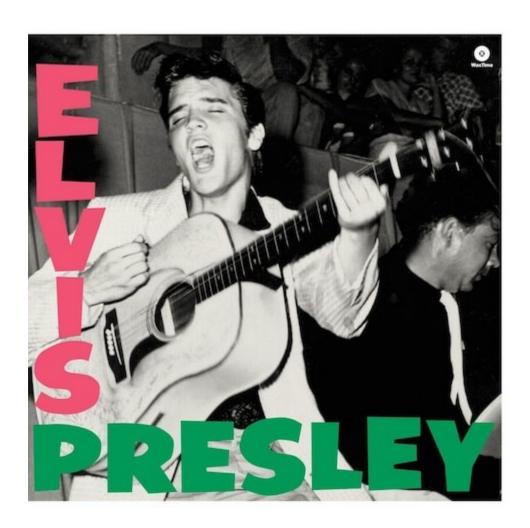










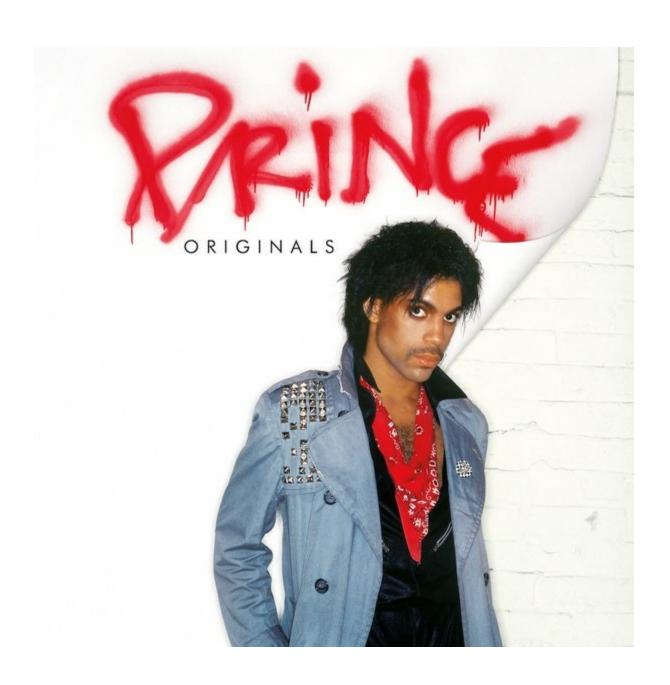


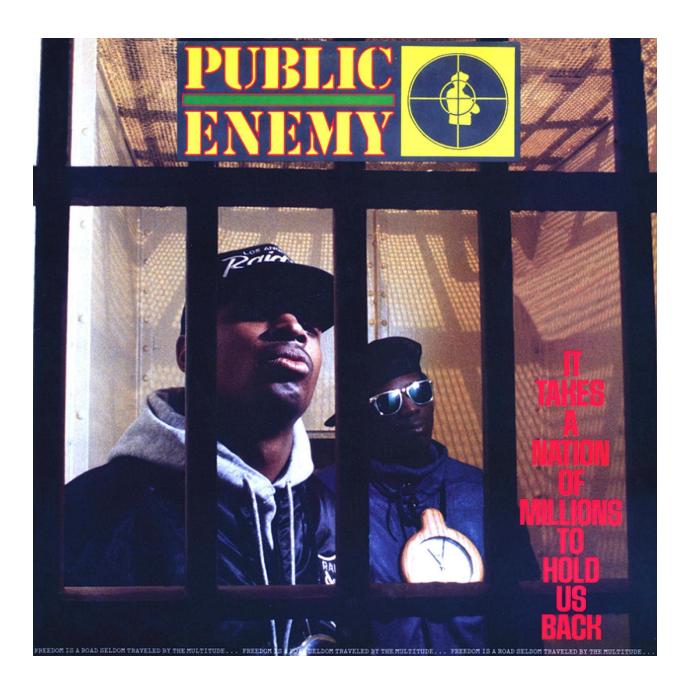
PRETENDERS



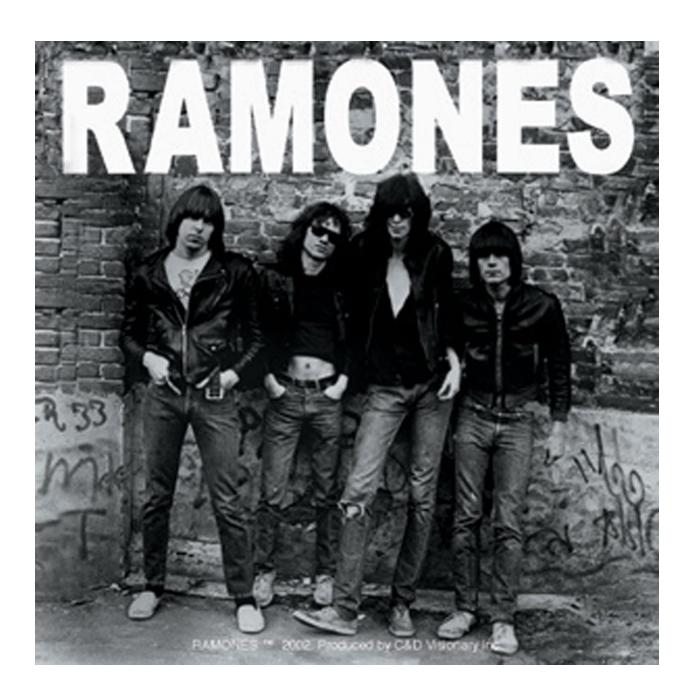
This Is For Real:

WDVE WBCN WSHE WQDR	KROQ KNAC KREM KQKQ	WOUR WEBN WABX WCOZ	WBRU WCCC WQBK I-95	KMET KTYD KOME KTIM	KLRB KZEL WXRT KBLE	WMMS W4 WBCN WBLM	WHCN WPLR WPDH WNEW	WPIX WRNW WLIR WBAB	WHFS WAVA WGOE WAAL KRST
------------------------------	------------------------------	------------------------------	------------------------------	------------------------------	------------------------------	----------------------------	------------------------------	------------------------------	--------------------------------------



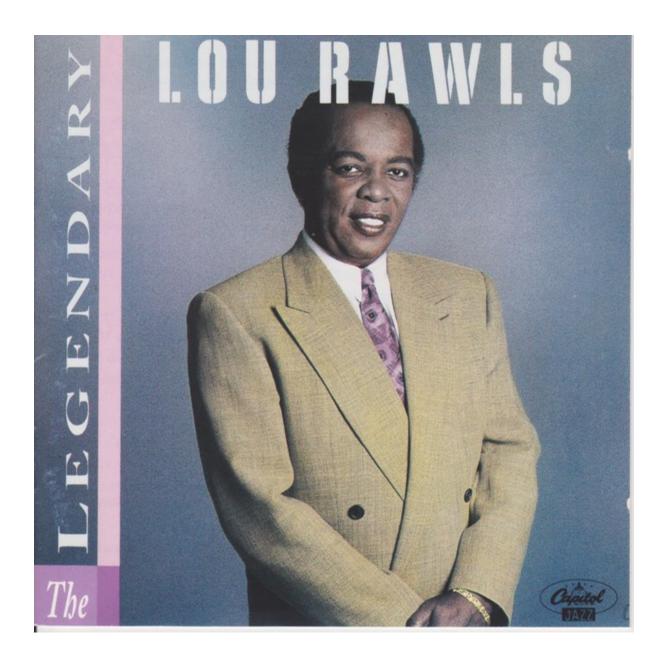








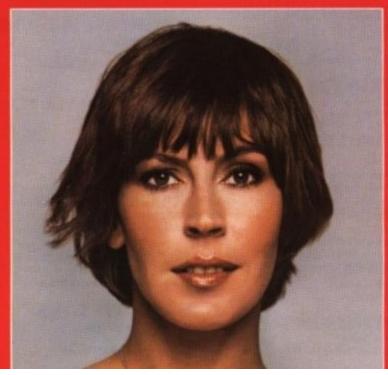


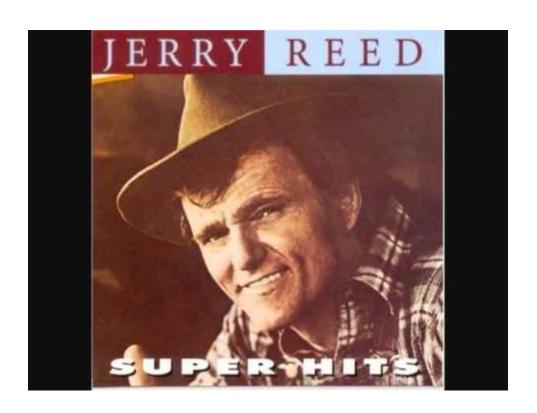




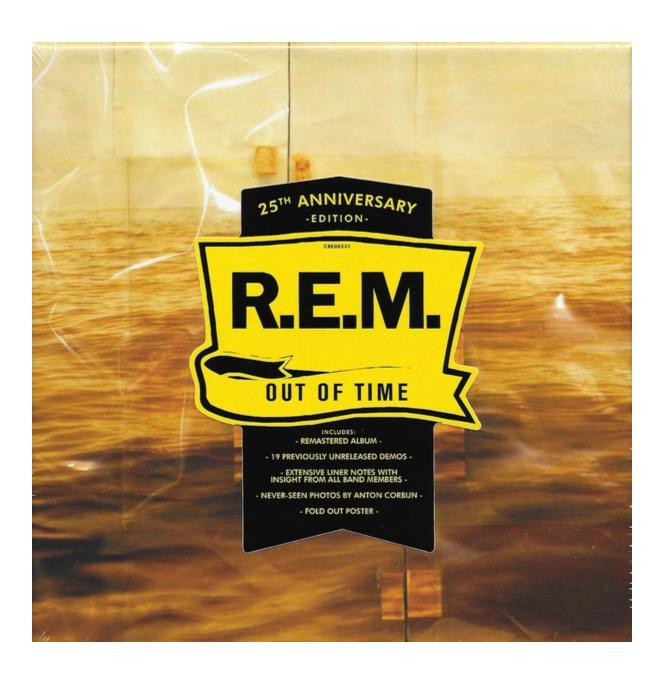


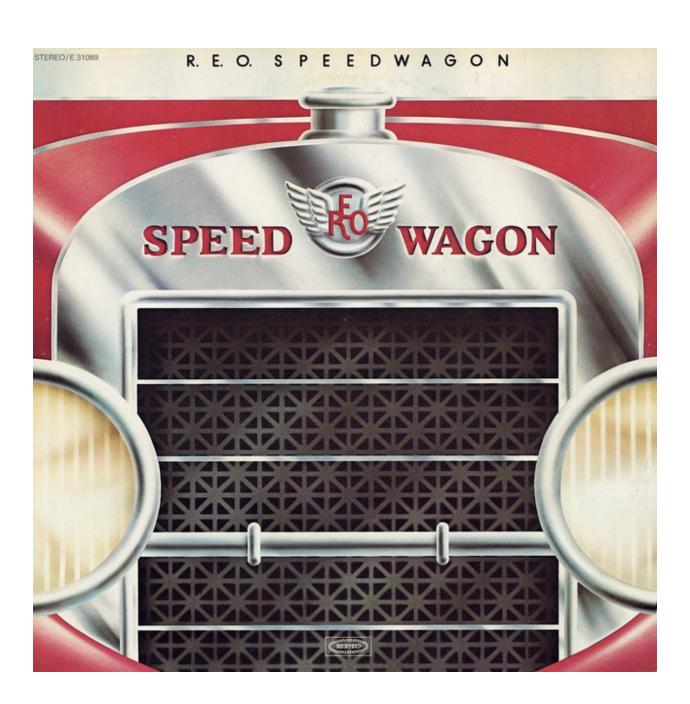
HELEN REDDY'S GREATEST HITS (AND MORE)

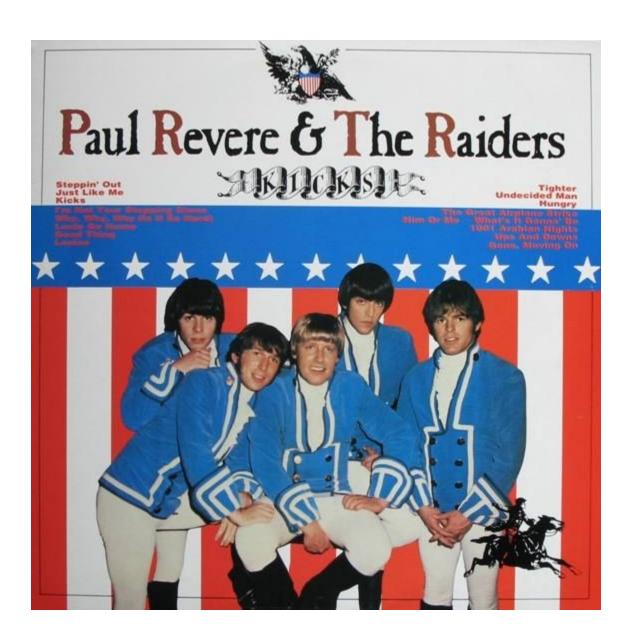




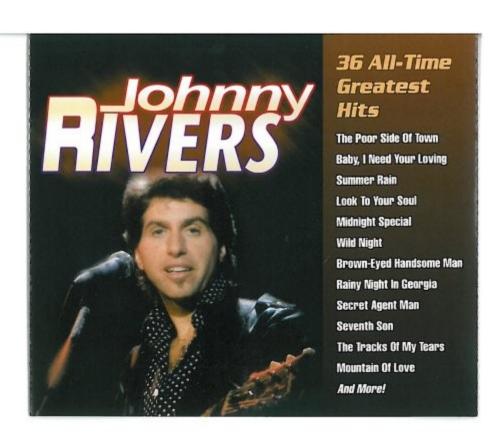


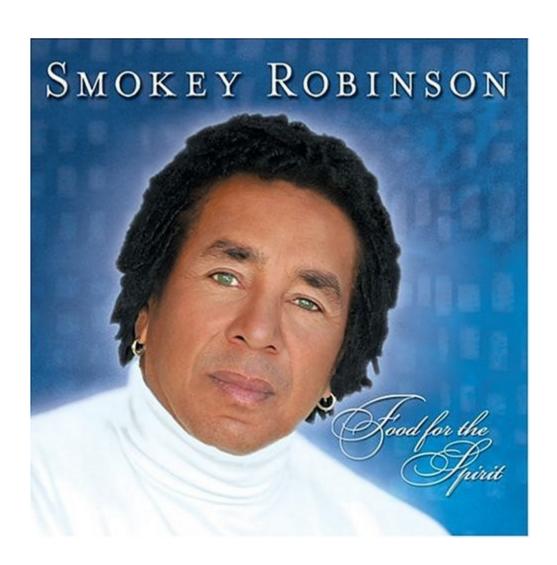


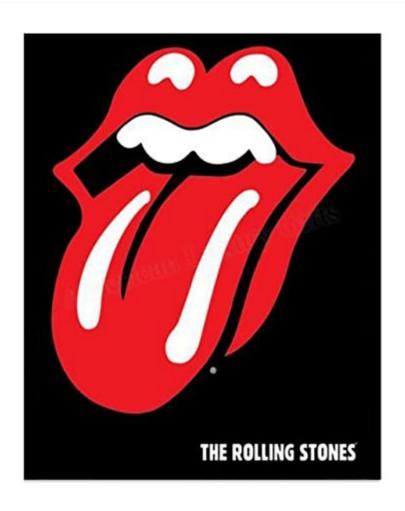


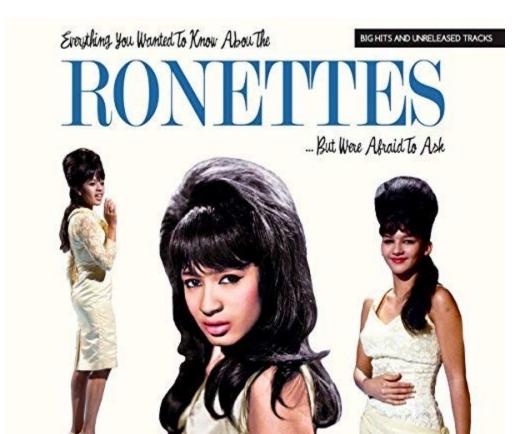






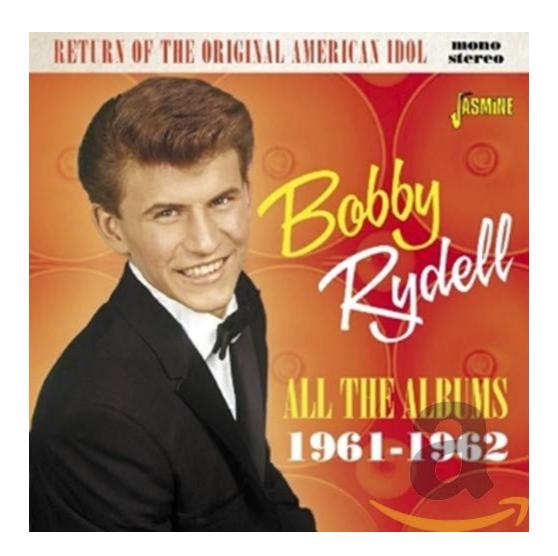


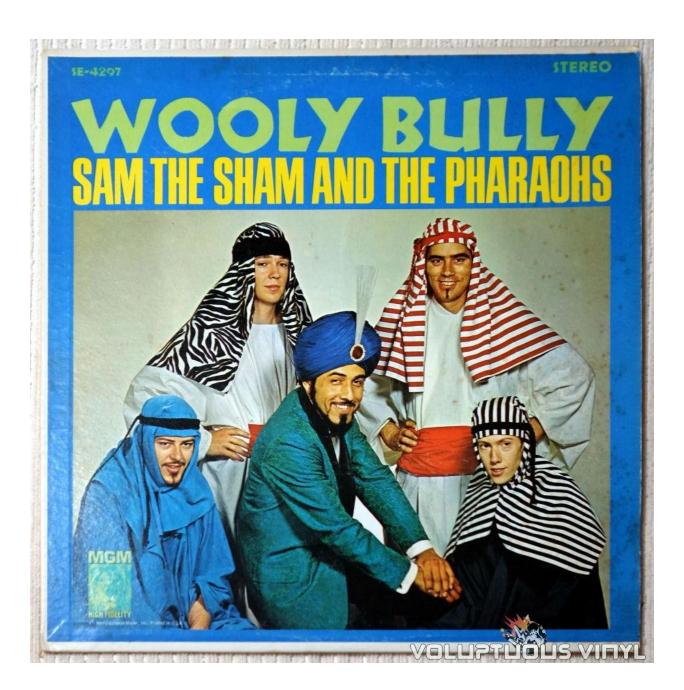


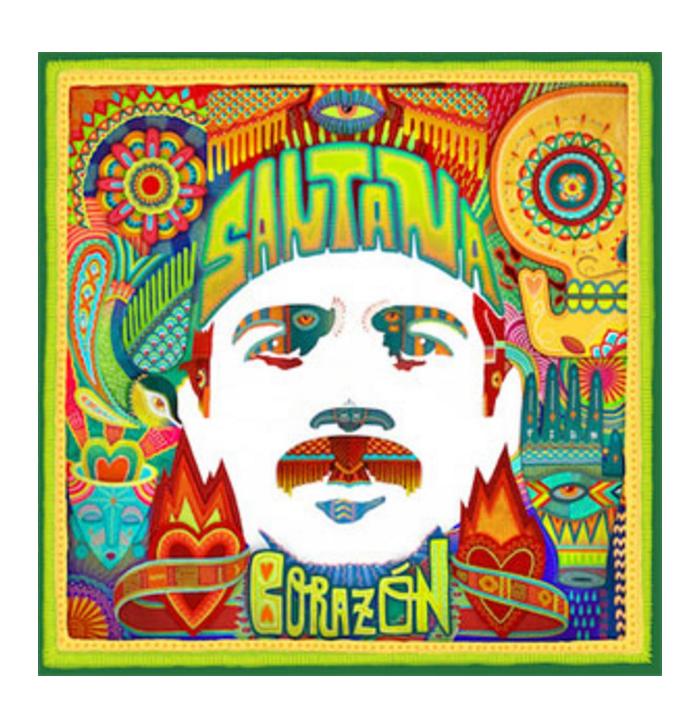




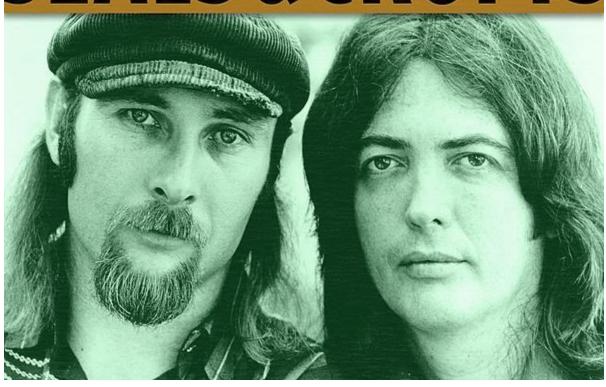


























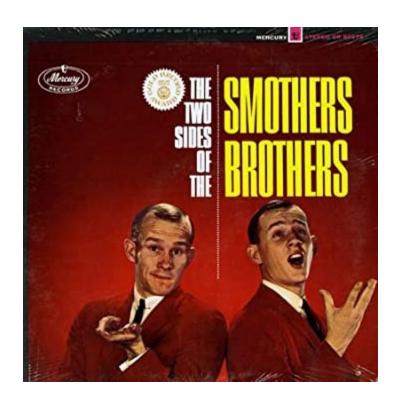


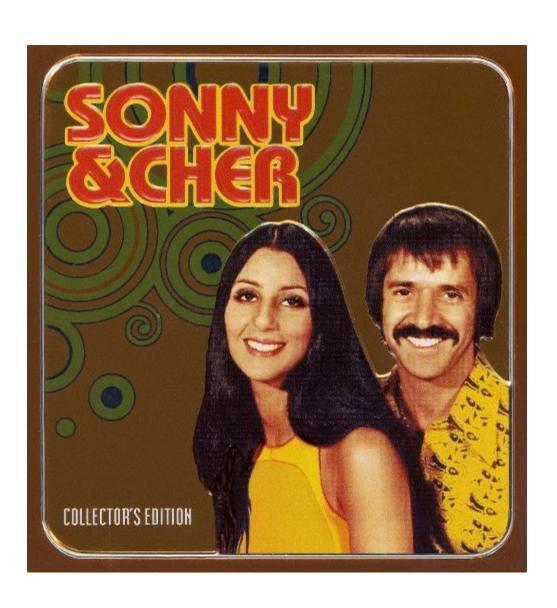






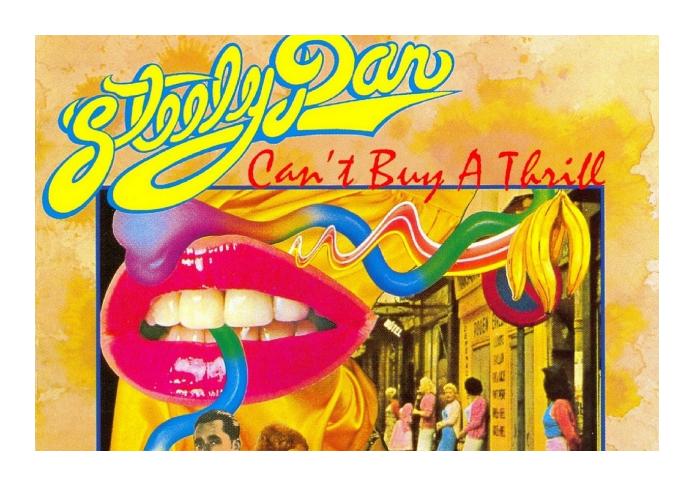




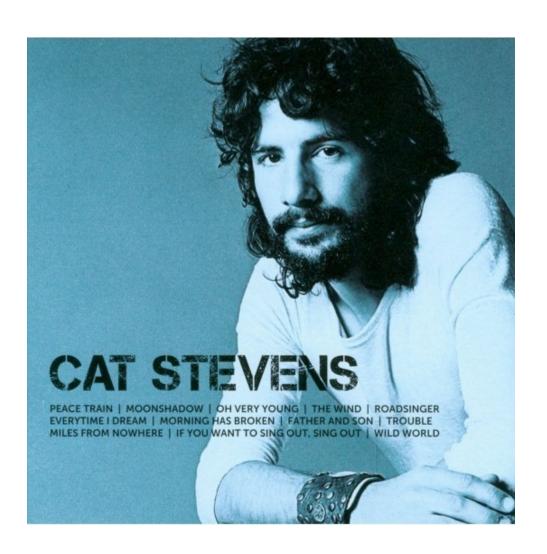




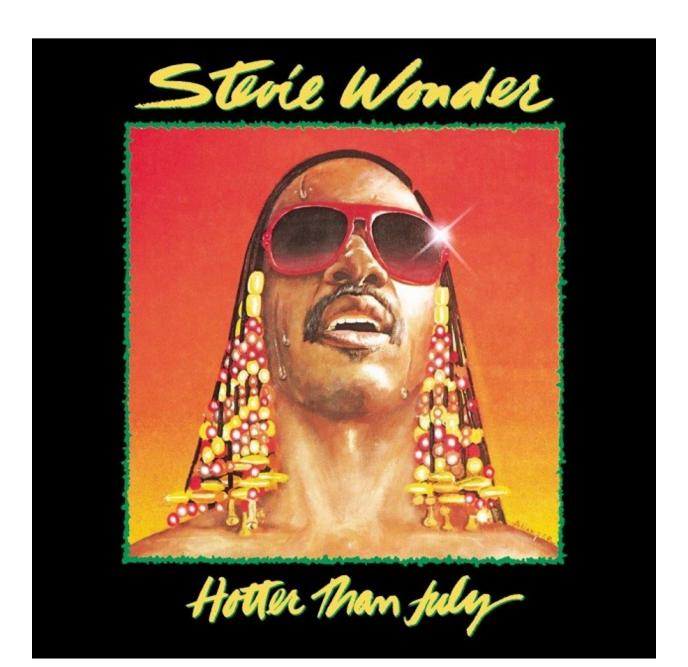


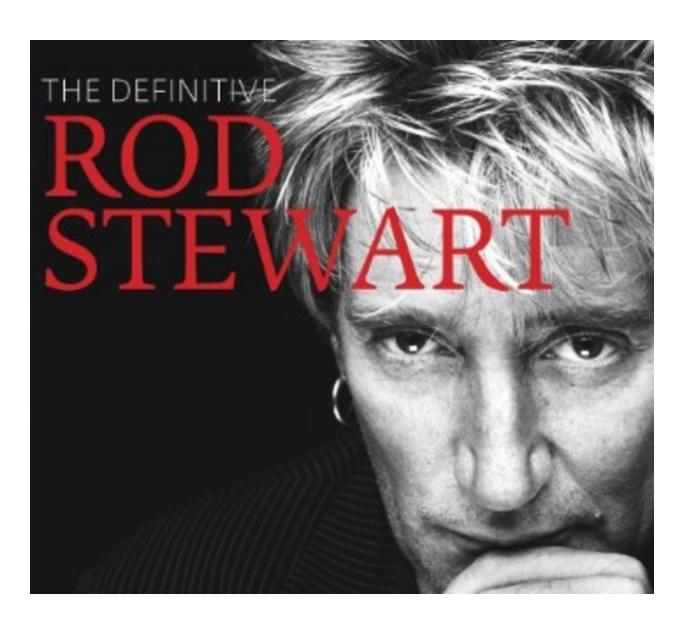


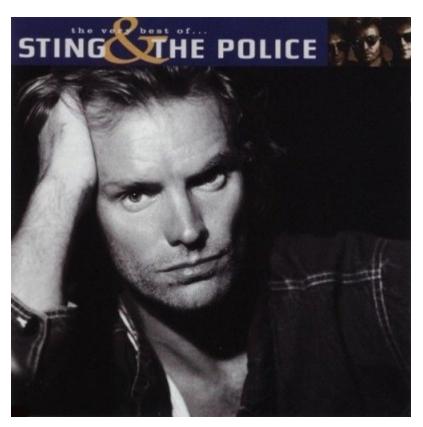


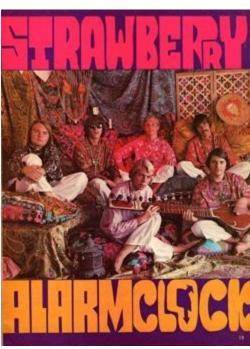






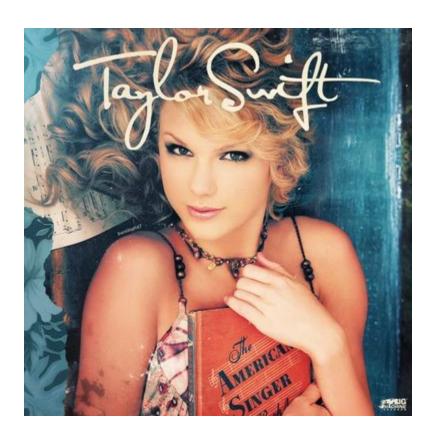




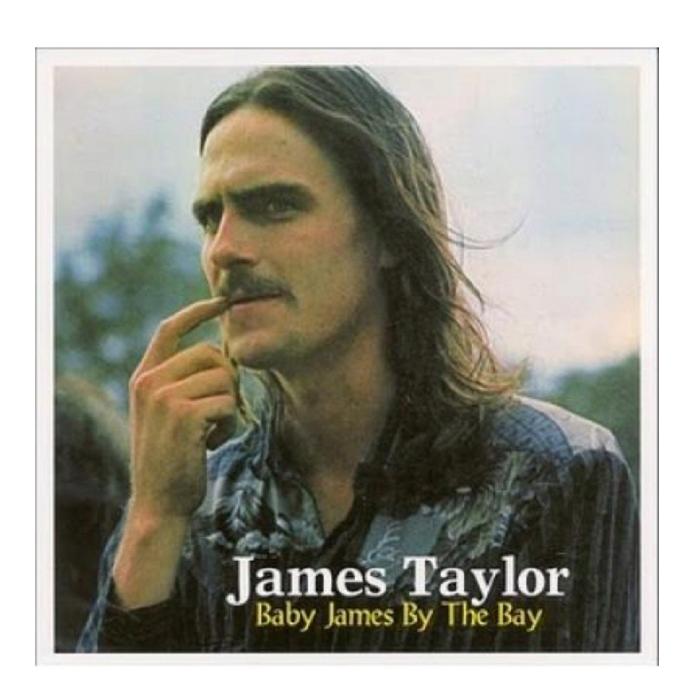




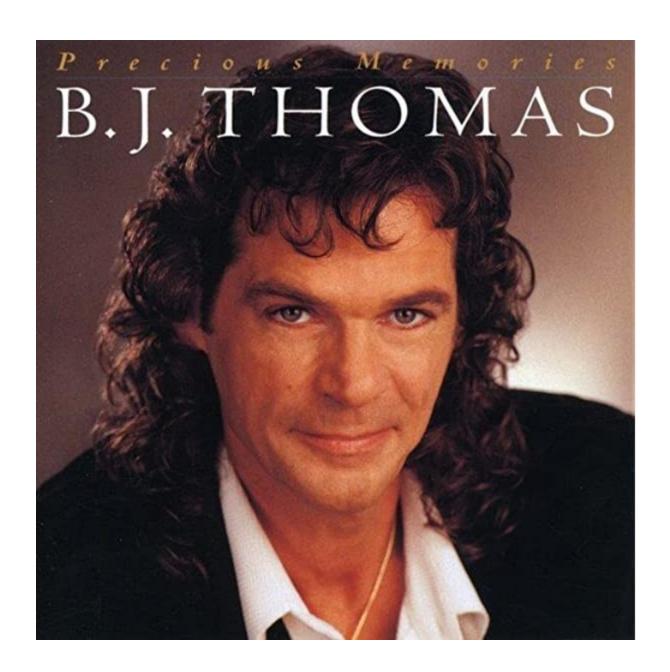














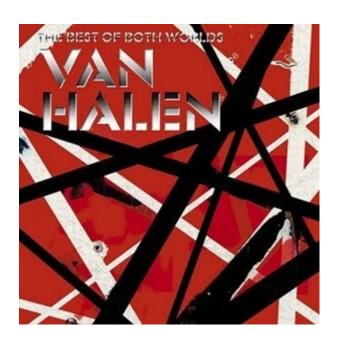




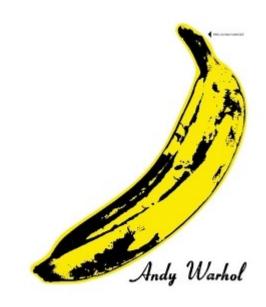
U2



T H E J O S H U A T R E E

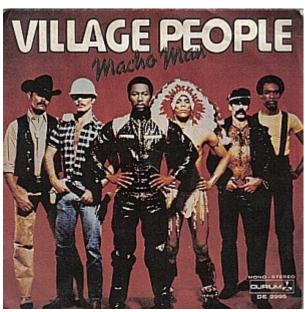






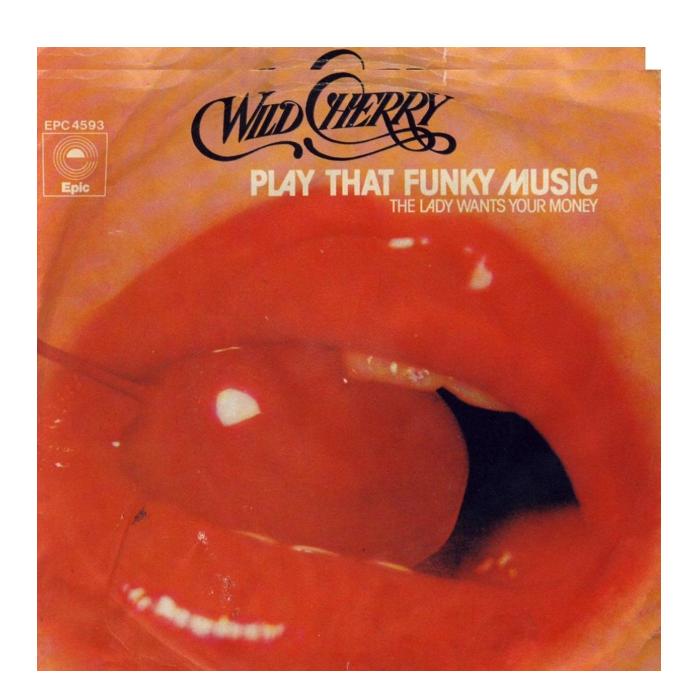


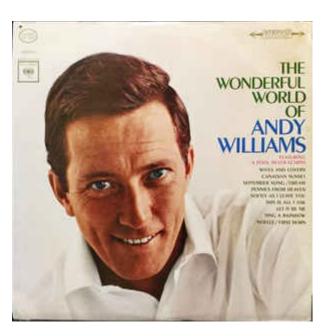


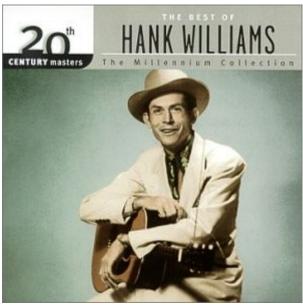


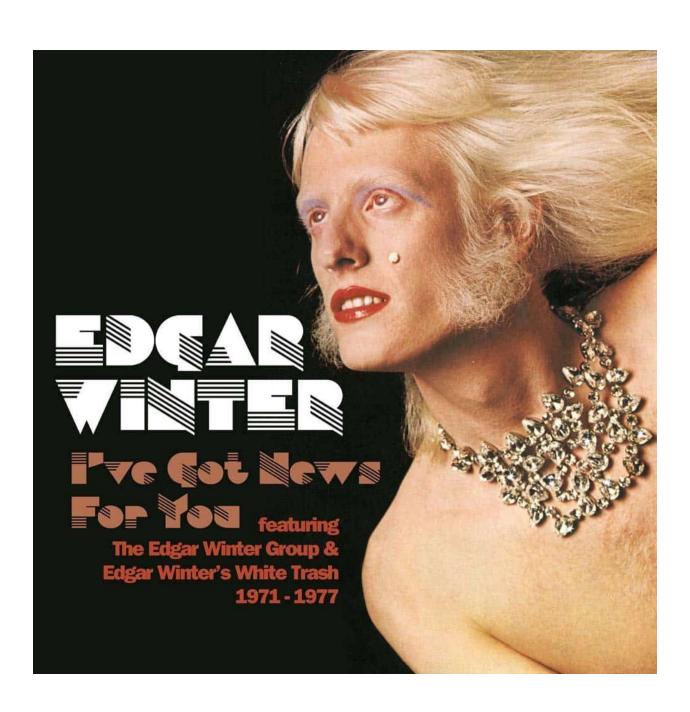


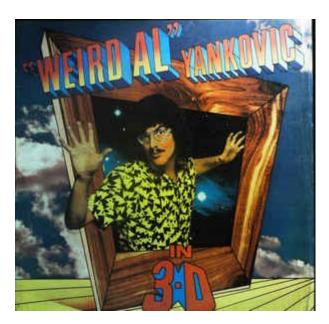


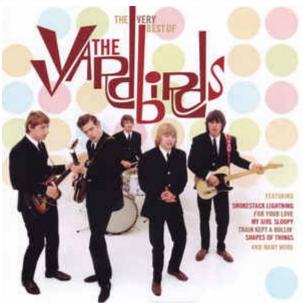


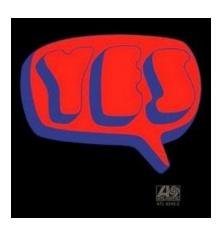


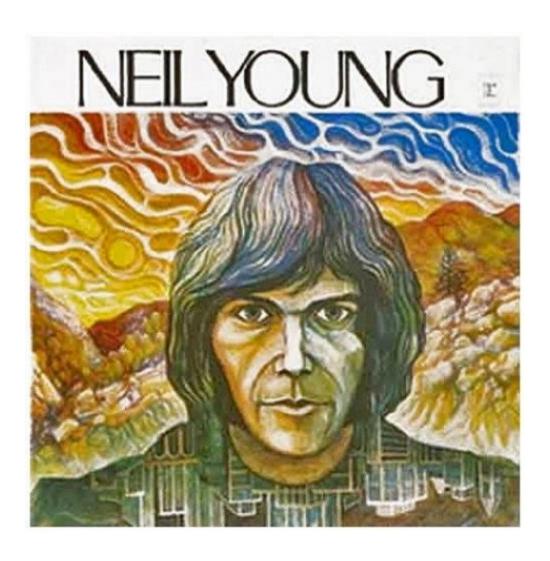




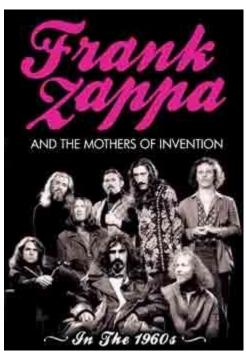
















SHE'S NOT THERE • TELL HER NO • WHAT MORE CAN I DO • IT'S ALRIGHT WITH ME YOU'VE REALLY GOT A HOLD ON ME • WOMAN • SUMMERTIME • I DON'T WANT TO KNOW WORK 'N' PLAY • CAN'T NOBODY LOVE YOU • SOMETIMES • I'VE GOT MY MIND ON YOU PLUS THE BONUS TRACKS YOU MAKE ME FEEL SO GOOD • LEAVE ME BE SHE'S COMING HOME • I MUST MOVE • I WANT YOU BACK AGAIN • I LOVE YOU

